

Testimony of Cynthia Foster

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To the Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

Re SB 710

Good afternoon, Chair Gelser, Vice-Chair Olsen, Members of the Committee.

My name is Cynthia Foster and I am here to speak in support of SB 710.

In 2012, after a career as a nurse, I found myself unable to continue working and applied for my disability benefits. The cost of my medical records was close to \$200. Although I had been employed in the past, my resources were very limited and it was quite a hardship to pay for that. I won my case but without my records, I could not have.

I don't think anyone should be unable to pursue a disability claim because they can't afford to pay for medical records that would serve as evidence in their case. I urge you to support SB 710.

Thank you.