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Senators Gelser and Olsen:

DHS interprets the law in question to be comprehensively inclusive of the I/DD population. I asked our Legal Services Developer to review it last night to confirm. The "vulnerable person" definition uses the term "mental impairment" to comprehensively include individuals with I/DD. The vulnerable person definition also includes any person who is "incapacitated" or "financially incapable" in the same way those terms are used guardianship/conservatorship law in Oregon - which is to say that a person need not be fully incapacitated to be covered.

I hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to include this information on record in your committee. I am happy to arrange for someone to testify to this in person, if needed.

Respectfully,

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