

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Dear Rep. Greenback:

I am writing to support House Bill 2778. I understand that you are the Chairman of the House Health Committee and are in a position to schedule this bill for a hearing in your committee. I am hoping that you do so. The preauthorization programs being put into place by some insurers are a poorly designed system that acts to deny services to many of the people who depend on these treatments. These are not expensive treatments as medical procedures go and this preauthorization system is ponderous and acts to deny complementary care providers such as acupuncturists and chiropractors the ability to help people who are hurting at a much lower cost than conventional western medical treatment. The only clear beneficiary of these onerous preauthorization requirements are the companies who purport to administer these programs for insurance companies. They are difficult to work with, do not understand the needs of the patients and end up denying cost effective treatment in order to line their own pockets.

Please support this bill in the committee. Many people are depending on your action to help this needed measure move through the legislature.

Thank you, sir.

Sincerely,

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