

Dear Joint Interim Committee on the First Special Session of 2020,

After submitting testimony this afternoon, it has come to my attention that amendments to LC 52 have been submitted which address the concerns I had with Section 5 of the draft bill, as outlined below in my earlier comments. If there is no need to wait for a response from the system after a notification is made regarding the transfer of a patient to hospice, it should not impact in any way the timing of treatment decisions or transfer to a hospice or home. As I stated earlier: hospice programs want quality of life and palliative care to be available to patients with intellectual or developmental disabilities, just as it is for other terminally-ill patients and without any needless delay.

Thank you for your consideration of my updated comments regarding LC 52.

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