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My name is Diane Scottaline and I am a resident of Waldport, OR, and also speak on behalf of The Arc of Benton County, with business address in Corvallis, Oregon.

I implore you to support Senate Bill 1606 to protect the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who rely on the support of personal advocates to ensure access and accommodations. Hospital stays are traumatic, inducing stress that can further impair people with IDD, many of which already experience anxiety disorders. The presence of an advocate in the hospital room as support and communication facilitator is a basic human right, one protected by the ADA. Imposing reasonable conditions on the presence of an advocate is reasonable to protect the health of the patient with IDD.

Thank you in advance for protecting the human rights of people with IDD by allowing them the full access of equitable hospital treatment.

Sincerely,

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