

Greetings Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Members of the Senate Healthcare Committee, As the Executive Director of The Arc of Benton County, a nonprofit that provides advocacy and programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), I see firsthand the quality of life that people with IDD can achieve with the proper awareness, access and accommodations. This is due to them and protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act, an anti-discrimination law.

People living with IDD deserve equal access to quality healthcare, and SB 567 will ensure they receive it. It is important that we build bridges between people with IDD and their healthcare providers, so I ask that the Senate Healthcare Committee please support this bill, welcoming conversation among people who experience IDD, their advocates and healthcare professionals.

Thank you for your time.

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