

Hello Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Linthicum and members of the Committee on Housing and Development -

I strongly support SB 852 and ask you to support it too. As an advocate for children for almost 30 years in the Family Court system in Michigan and now as a 10 year resident of Portland who is active in our community, I have seen a wide-range of circumstances affecting the wellbeing of children and families.

I support SB 853 as a way not only to help reduce the unnecessary disparity of wealth assets but also as a way to provide more services for the for the poorest.

In 1937 in the midst of a severe economic depression, FDR said "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

Passage of SB 852 will go a considerable way to correct the pervasive inequities we see. Your support of SB 852 will reveal the wisdom of your thoughts and the humanity of your action.

Thank you for consideration of my testimony.
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