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On Behalf Of:

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I would like to offer my support of passing SB420 and putting it into effect as soon as possible. As a Client Resource Coordinator for our organization (Minds in Motion Initiative) who works first and foremost with those who suffered a Traumatic Brain injury, I am seeing over and over again that there are virtually no dedicated resources to assist those who have experienced a Traumatic Brain Injury in navigating the public resource maze. If there were a dedicated team of people that were specifically focused on serving the brain injured community, as there are many other forms of disability, it would bring about lasting change in those who have experienced brain injuries. It would help them to live independently or with much less support and it would be a great asset to the state financially as studies suggest that upwards of 53% of our houseless community has suffered a brain injury, and that 23% of them became homeless after experiencing their brain injury. The reduction in services socially and with law enforcement would be profound. Due to the potential transformation that it would bring to the lives of many vulnerable citizens and the long term financial benefit it would be to the state I heartily support this bill.

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