

Dear Chair Holvey, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Sosa, and Members of the Committee,

I support House Bill 2800 for the following reasons:

- 1) Age discrimination in the workplace is increasingly common and is more common than you think
- 2) The combination of being a woman and older makes it harder to find and retain jobs
- 3) Older individuals need shelter and income too
- 4) Older individuals need to have the same tools to address age discrimination as people in other protected classes
- 5) Experience should be a plus, not a minus

Sincerely,

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