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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure: SB99

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I'm writing in support of SB 99 with the -2 amendments.

Thank you for this time to be heard as an almost 75 year old, African American, Lesbian (she, her pronouns). Like many Seniors of All Colors, who are having to deal with aging stages, transformations, lost abilities, both mental & physical health and life's uncertainties on so many levels. Surprise!! For many, it has meant profound loss! Returning to Closets, Lifestyle Changes & so much more. There is such a need for safe community areas of inclusion, and responsive supports. Many of our Seniors remain invisible & isolating!!

If it takes a Legislative Action to mandate a Bill of Rights for its LGBTQIAS+ Seniors, Disabled & Veterans and because of the far reaching impact it will have, especially in these times of LGBTQIA2S oppression. Then Warrior Women of Color & Sistah Allies, respectfully asks you to pass SB 99 with -2 amendments.

Sincerely,
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