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Measure: SB527

I OPPOSE this bill. This bill supports HB2006, and I strongly oppose HB2006. SB527 states that they have to “create exemption from antidiscrimination statute for enforcement of policies that impose age-based restrictions” and in fact states that they are going to allow age-based discrimination in order to pass this bill.

This is a dangerous path to begin to follow. This bill actually proposes that the government can simply carve out exemptions to statutes that prohibit discrimination, in order to meet their own political agendas. Where would it stop? If today's legislature decided it doesn't like laws prohibiting discrimination against people of color, or women, for example, and simply created a new law that authorizes such discrimination, would the public stand for it? No. Not even a little bit. And our government should not make exceptions for itself that would be illegal for any other entity. Once the government starts down that path, our way of life is over.

I understand the problem, and I do not mean to minimize it. This bill, however, is completely the wrong approach to solving it.

Respectfully submitted.