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Measure: SB492

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on SB 492.
I urge all of you to vote NO on SB 492.

I feel there will be misinterpretation of an individual's quality of life and could mean that someone who has an intractable condition that has no cure is excluded from services because their primary benefit (or reason for treatment) is improvement of quality of life. Often with people in pain, pain reduction (via treatments) greatly improves their quality of life, though it doesn't cure the patient. Should that patient be denied treatment because they cannot be cured and if we aren't considering the quality of their life, there is no benefit? A patient's report of their quality of life gives providers the opportunity to ensure their care is patient centered. As it is written, this bill seems potentially dangerous to an already vulnerable group of people struggling to recover from recent restrictions on their medical treatments. I oppose this bill in its current form and please vote no on this confusing bill that could be easily misunderstood and misused.