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Dear Chair Riley and distinguished members of the Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability, thank you for hearing SB 1028 today.

My name is David Beem, citizen lobbyist and special advisor to the Governor's staff. I am here today to offer my support and testimony for SB 1028 and I want to thank Senator Manning for introducing this bill.

Senate Bill 1028 allows professional licensing bodies to substitute an applicant's experience in the place of requirements for a high school diploma or equivalent. It is my understanding, that someone's dedication and life experience can provide the kind of hands-on knowledge and practical application not taught in the classroom.

I encourage you to continue working this bill throughout the process and thank you for your time and attention.

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