

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Members of the Senate Healthcare Committee,

As your constituent, and a parent to a child who is medically fragile, I can attest to the importance of ending healthcare discrimination.

Individuals with intellectual disabilities are not treated with equal respect within medical facilities. They are often denied access to life saving services within hospitals especially during the COVID19 pandemic.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/12/21/946292119/oregon-hospitals-didnt-have-shortages-so-why-were-disabled-people-denied-care>

This story is sadly one of many cases. Individuals who have intellectual disabilities and are medically fragile must be treated with the same care as others. Please pass SB 567. My daughter and other individuals who have intellectual disabilities provide valuable insights and contributions to our society.

Sincerely,

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