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Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Society of Professional Journalists in support of SB90. I am unable to appear for live testimony due to a conflicting hearing.

SPJ members in recent years have reported extensively about issues related to licensed adult foster homes, and consequently carefully reviewed the scope of this bill.

SPJ and Department of Human Services staff have discussed the substance and intent of SB90. We agree that the bill is narrowly tailored to protect the identity of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities residing in adult foster homes or residential training facilities and residential training homes, and it does not protect from disclosure business information, such as an adult foster home's licensed ownership.

We appreciate DHS' collaboration on this important bill.

I would be happy to follow up with members of the committee if there are any outstanding questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tom Holt
for Society of Professional Journalists