Testimony: Age Discrimination Task Force Bill (House Bill 2938)

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2008/2009 I was employed by Women's Healthcare Associates as a Nurse midwife / Nurse Practitioner. I cared for women of all ages, seeing them frequently for Annual Gyn exams. I will always remember one woman in particular, age 55, who was losing her job. She came for her annual exam because her insurance was ending and she had no prospects for further employment. She was desperate. All of her inquiries met with rejection. She spoke at length about her age as the main factor in her rejection. "No one wants an older woman." I never saw her again and have no idea what happened.

Know this is a very real problem. Our State can make a difference!

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