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I am a retired physician and an active volunteer with OHA. It is important to provide resources within our state that can not only provide acute treatment for traumatic brain injury (TBI) patients but also provide a system that helps coordinate their care over the extended period of time needed to provide the most optimal recovery for these patients. Supporting this program would not only benefit the patients and their families, but would also reduce the over all long term costs to the state. Statistically a large number of the houseless population of our state have experienced a TBI in the past. TBI survivors who receive optimal care are also less likely to need long term medicaid and other financial support. It is an impossible task for a TBI patient to coordinate all of the post care that is required such as physical therapy, speech therapy , occupational therapy and physiatry without a system that is able to coordinate their care in place. I highly support SB 420.