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For: Senate Rules Committee

RE: Support for SB 612 y SB 911

Chair Lieber, Vice-Chair Knopp, and members of the committee,

My name is Etelberto Cabrera and I am a resident of Washington County and I am writing to you in a respectful manner to support this SB 612 and SB 911.

Over time, much has been achieved in terms of language translation, but we need to have the help we need in each language.

Our community needs translation in their language since we have known of colleagues who have not been helped because they do not speak their native language in the courts, even one is struggling these days to find translation in Spanish, now imagine to be helped with this type of service. We are still very limited by this type of help that is necessary for everyone and that is why we are asking for a quality translation service from people who really speak our language and that they themselves can receive certified training and thus end that gap that leaves us without communication and the necessary help.

These bills also seek to be fair salaries for these interpreters and to give the opportunity to those who really know each language. In our community it would be very beneficial that we have interpretation services in any procedure we perform, there is nothing more frustrating that you cannot be attended in the language you deserve, but fortunately we have the opportunity to change this situation and we all deserve to understand and be understood.

We repeatedly ask for your support for this important Bill SB 612 and SB 6911

Kind regards.

Etelberto Cabrera