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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Senator Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Senator Johnson and members of the Committee,

As someone that experienced being a patient in a nursing home, I can't begin to describe how a dignity gets stripped away by the lack of attentiveness to personal preferences by staff that are terribly overworked, undervalued and underappreciated. But common decency requires that dignity be preserved as much as practicable.

SB 99 is a huge step in affording protection to a class of people who are too often victimized by insensitive policies, bad behavior and ignorance. Education and enforcement are needed. This Bill of Rights is a necessary first step toward the dignity that all LGBTQIA2S+ patients deserve.

I urge your support.

John Curtis