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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure: SB99

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 99 with 2 amendments. I am a 72 yo Vietnam veteran, retired health care provider and founder of the Lower Columbia Q Center in Astoria. My lived experience includes innumerable episodes of anti LGBTQ rhetoric and actions within the health care facilities where I worked. I am keenly aware of friends and family within the queer and transgender community who fear being institutionalized and vulnerable to further discrimination simply because of who we are and who we love. Please support SB 99 with 2 amendments. We all deserve to live our golden years with some measures of safety and security.

Thank you,

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