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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB1076

Please consider the implications of passing this reckless and foolish legislation. Hospitals are already understaffed, overwhelmed and now you want to add to the problem. As a police officer I have seen first hand the problem of homeless individuals who use and abuse the system for their benefit. If passed the homeless will abuse this law to their advantage and use hospitals as their shelters and storage for their personal effects. There are a small percentage of the homeless who would not do this but the overwhelming majority would be reckless, abusive, violent, dangerous and an unnecessary drain on the hospital system. There has to be a more common sense approach to solve the homeless issue other than using a hospital as a dumping ground to make legislators feel better about themselves. I strongly oppose this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration.