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Chairman Prozanski
Vice-Chair Thatcher
and Members of the Committee

Please accept this testimony as my strong opposition to Senate Bill 1576-4 as written. I served as Wheeler County Judge for 18 1/2 years. During that time, I was not only Chair of the County Court but also served as Juvenile and Probate Judge. Since we are a small rural area, we had the ability to work with Juveniles who were in the system. There were many resources available to help not only the Juvenile but also quite often the whole family. This also applied to the Probate Court and helping not only seniors but others that fell under this jurisdiction. I have great respect for the Circuit Court Judges, but they have a large area to cover. This matter should go to the citizens of Gilliam County for a hearing and vote. If the citizens agree then the matter should come forward.