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I am writing in support of SB 729. I am a licensed clinical social worker providing therapy to persons with IDD in the community. I am also a doctoral student studying ways to train social workers to expand access to mental health services for greater inclusion of people with IDD. Denying access to mental health services based on disability is a holdover from institutionalization and reflects the current state of siloed systems of care that are not working. All people who desire mental health support should have equitable access. This is a human rights issue. Please pass SB 729.