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Senate Committee on Human Services

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Dear Chair Senator Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Senator Linthicum, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 20. I know many people with physical disabilities who are wheelchair users that are unable to advance in their careers and earn a higher salary that would give them a better quality of life, because they would lose their live-saving healthcare benefits. We should not live in a world where people have to choose between providing for their families and receiving necessary healthcare.

Not only do these restrictions hurt individuals, but it hurts local businesses by limiting the labor pool. Additionally, it greatly impacts the diversity of the workforce and organizational culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

People with physical disabilities face enough barriers and challenges as it. This does not need to be another one, especially if we want people to be self-sufficient and contributing members of society. I urge you all to vote in favor of Senate Bill 20.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Sadie Wade