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I'm submitting testimony in opposition to HB 2683. The bill fails to address root causes to the issue of police violence and demands that certain people jump through hoops instead of accepting that we lack a working accountability system for law enforcement.

We must stop putting the onus on disabled people to ensure their safety. Additionally, putting such information on identification, such as a driver's license, puts disabled individuals in vulnerable situations when engaging with those handling their identification.

There is no way to ensure the safety of those who opt in. Considering the multiple instances of violence against disabled people who could communicate effectively, such as Elijah McClain and Sonya Massey, this would be a false promise that could inadvertently invite more violence towards already marginalized people.

Another great concern is that putting the onus onto disabled means that it will be harder to hold law enforcement accountable when they do engage violence.

I implore the committee on transportation to oppose this bill and to support the disabled community by addressing problems that they are asking about. As well as support real structural change for law enforcement accountability instead of trying to put a bandaid on a gushing wound.

Thank you