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I strongly support the passage of this bill.

I am a criminal defense attorney emphasizing DUII defense.

Increasing the fee is long overdue. It is difficult to find and retain good people to act as evaluators when their compensation has been essentially frozen for years. I'm sensitive to the argument that the fee increase will be difficult for some individuals to pay. The answer to that is not to deny the evaluators' long overdue fee increase but to lower the \$490 diversion fee or \$255 DUII conviction fee paid to the State by \$100.

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