

Submitter: Fengxian Yuan
On Behalf Of: Self Advocates Taking Action
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4106

Dear Representative Andersen and Representative Mannix,

I'm Fèngxián Yuàn, and I am a member of Self Advocates Taking Action. I have an intellectual and developmental disability. On behalf of Self Advocates Taking Action, I am writing to express my concerns regarding HB 4106, which would authorize law enforcement to use force and restraints on individuals experiencing mental health crises. I believe this legislation has the potential to cause harm, trauma, and possibly result in fatalities. I oppose HB 4106, as I am concerned it could adversely affect individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are in mental health crises. I have heard about situations where individuals with similar disabilities and crises have been underserved or improperly handled by law enforcement, leading to tragic outcomes or denial of access to necessary mental health services. I urge you to reconsider and not pass HB 4106.

Sincerely,
Fèngxián Yuàn