

**Testimony on House Bill 7008**

**Relating To Motor and Other Vehicles -- Parking Facilities and Privileges**

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Chairman Shanley and members of the committee:

My name is Zachary Gauthier, and I write to urge you to support House Bill 7008. For too long, we have treated compliance like a suggestion. When a parking spot is blocked or a ramp is neglected, it is not just a logistical error—it is a direct blow to the independence and dignity of our neighbors. It sends a message that their presence is optional.

House Bill 7008 is the solution because it places authority exactly where it belongs -- the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. We need the people who live these challenges every day to be the ones to enforce the law.

I am asking you to look beyond the paperwork and see the human beings whose lives depend on your leadership. Please pass House Bill 7008 and demonstrate that the disability community is a priority, not an afterthought.

Thank you for your time and for recognizing the urgency of this mission.

Respectfully,

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