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HB 410



Senior Helping Hands

Prevention of Elder Abuse

Friends Volunteer Program

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Judiciary Committee
RE: HB 410

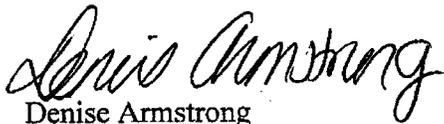
Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Denise Armstrong and I'm the Executive Director for Big Sky Senior Services, Inc. which houses the Prevention of Elder Abuse program.

We are in favor of HB 410. The hearsay component will allow for testimony when the victim either lacks capacity or other unforeseen reasons. A majority of financial exploitation cases involve family members and most often children. It is very difficult for a family member to come forward and testify against a child. Without the victim's testimony, it becomes difficult to prosecute so the perpetrators continue their cycle of abuse.

Allowing the testimony received through hearsay will facilitate prosecution and stop the abuse before vulnerable adult's finances are depleted.

Thank you,


Denise Armstrong