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Comments: I urge you to consider adding another deputy position at the Department of Human Services. Over a decade ago, I was privileged to serve as the deputy director at DHS, under Director Susan Chandler. At that time, DHS faced complicated issues requiring substantive knowledge of state and federal laws and regulations involving diverse subject matters (including benefits, child protection, protection of vulnerable adults, Medicaid, and vocational rehabilitation). Additionally, DHS had offices at many different sites and many employees, with a complex budget of over \$1 billion. DHS ran on a slim management structure. It was hard work, and very gratifying. My guess is that the issues and challenges now are at least as complex as they were when I was at DHS. And as far as I know the management team has not grown. At that time I would have welcomed another deputy with open arms and I truly believe that the public would have been well-served by creation of a new position. That is why I support the intent of this bill and ask you to add another deputy position to the staff at DHS. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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