



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Governor's Message 530 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Judy Paik for a Term to Expire June 30, 2029

The Disability and Communication Access Board is a statewide Governor-appointed Board with a majority of its members being persons with disabilities or family members of persons with disabilities. The Board's mission is to advocate and promote full inclusion, independence, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities in society.

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the nomination of Ms. Paik to the Board. This will be the first appointment of Ms. Paik to serve on the Board.

DCAB is mandated to have a majority of members be consumers, persons with disabilities, or their family members. Ms. Paik belongs to that majority category, as a person with a visual disability. Ms. Paik has a background in the disability field. Ms. Paik has also worked in the private, nonprofit, and other government settings to ensure individuals with disabilities have access to programs, services, and activities. It is through her lived experiences that she brings insight to the Board, on communication access and transportation issues.

We highly recommend that the Senate confirm Ms. Paik for a term on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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