



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Governor's Message 700 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ed Chevy for a Term to Expire June 30, 2030

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 Mr. Chevy to the Board. Mr. Chevy returns to DCAB because he is concerned about the current shortage of sign language interpreters and has indicated he wants to provide input as a Board member through DCAB to improve state laws to ensure effective communication.

DCAB is mandated to have a majority of members be consumers, persons with disabilities, or their family members. Mr. Chevy belongs to that majority category, as a person with a hearing disability and uses American Sign Language (ASL). Mr. Chevy has a background in the disability field. Mr. Chevy 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 his lived experiences that he brings insight to the Board, on communication access and transportation issues.

We highly recommend that the Senate confirm Mr. Chevy for a term on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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