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Submitted to the Committee on Human Services  
For HB 1009

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Hearing Date: March 14, 2023 8:00 AM

Dianne Johnson

self

Burleson, TX

Please require caregivers in group homes, intermediate care facilities, and state supported living centers to pass a federal background check so that people who have committed crimes in other states do not slip through the cracks.

Carla Billings

Self and member of PART....Parents and Allies for Remarkable Texans

Coleman, TX

I am in favor of HB 1009. It would be reasonable to protect all vulnerable residents state group homes, SSLCs, and hospitals by having criminal background checks as loop-hole free as possible.

Candra Schatz

Son and self

CARROLLTON, TX

I support this bill on behalf of my son. He is 19 and IDD with an IQ of 26 and unable to express his concerns, fears, or needs. I can only assess his treatment and safety by my own observations of his apparent well-being and mood. I have to trust that providers ensure trustworthy individuals are caring for my son. I have personally experienced several situations where persons providing care to my son had outstanding felony warrants and carrying weapons etc. I only found this out because it was observed by a school staff person and a call was made to a police department. Please pass this bill to protect my son and other vulnerable families like ours.

Aaryce Hayes, Policy Specialist

Disability Rights Texas

Austin, TX

DRTx supports HB 1009 and thanks Rep. Turner for his efforts to better protect vulnerable Texans by improving and expanding criminal history record reviews.

Lindsey Lampp

Self

Houston, TX

The impact of a disastrous hire on people developmental disabilities can be avoided with a criminal history record. People with developmental disabilities generally want the same sorts of things we all do, most importantly to be kept safe.