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For HB 3468

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Tom Nobis
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I am For the bill. As the records about my health, there should be no reason that their access is not provided to me.

Lee Spiller
Citizens Commission on Human Rights-Texas
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We wanted to express support for this bill. Patient ownership of patient records is important. As an organization dealing with human rights in mental health, we routinely assist patients in getting records, and routinely they are incomplete.

For persons who've been incarcerated in mental health facilities, the experience often leads them to question their most basic thoughts or perceptions of themselves and their own experiences, even when they have been wrongly admitted. Access to their own records is an important part of bringing their experience into perspective and being a better historian of the events of their lives.

We've also seen this with young people who've aged out of foster care. They've been told all sorts of things about themselves and their lives, and not all of it agrees with their own memories. In 2007, while helping foster care alumni to restrict the use of foster kids in medical or psychotropic drug research, there were a number of young people who felt they'd been experimented on. At least one had been held at a facility that was listed as a research site on a University's IRB paperwork. None of these young people had complete access to their records.

Again, the patient's ownership of the patient's record, allows the patient to be a more accurate historian, correct or point out falsehoods, and generally assists them in regaining control over their own lives.

We appreciate this bill.

Shannon Richardson

Myself

Lubbock, TX

The only consideration you should note is the Patient's right to access their medical records and allocate those to the appropriate individuals at their discretion should not be subject to monetary compensation for the organization maintaining those records. Physicians and Hospitals already figure in their administrative costs for providing care to patients. So essentially after payment has been accepted Patients should not be subjected to even more monetary requirements for their own medical records.