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I am writing in support of SB 1677. In particular, I believe that a review of the forensic waitlist by the State Auditor's Office will address a huge gap in services for those with the most complex mental and behavioral health needs. Despite investments in this population - there has been a lack in transparency and accountability of the LMHA's and LIDDA's serving our most vulnerable. In order to build out a meaningful continuum of care, we must address the needs of those on our forensic waitlist.