

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Zoe Ann Kaminski. I have been a state-employed sign language interpreter since 1978. I am here today to ask you to support both HB 7109 and HB 7301. 7109 simply ensures that the law reflects current certification labels that may be held by interpreters in the field, so that there is no misunderstanding by those who employ them.

More importantly is bill 7301, which reinstates and updates crucial language supporting deaf persons in their interactions with civil, criminal and administrative bodies.