

**SELECT HEARING  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
VIRGINIA GERENA  
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**Good morning Judiciary Committee members. My name is Ginny Gerena, I am an Advocacy Unlimited graduate. I advocate for individuals with disabilities. I am testifying today on behalf of Bill 5675, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DURATION OF PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES EVALUATIONS.**

**According to the format of Bill 5675 it states that 15 days is the current status that is already implemented in it, for individuals with psychiatric disabilities or extreme disabilities. I request and implore that you do not change this bill to a 30 day status as this would be an unfair mandate of confinement in an institution. I feel this would infringe on the rights of individuals with psychiatric disabilities. Two extra weeks would seriously disrupt ones' daily life and ones' recovery. Thank you for your attention.**