



**Support for LB 453**

Nebraska Legislature

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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for persons with disabilities in Nebraska and we stand in support of Legislative Bill 453.

Currently, a judge evaluating someone who wants to be a guardian can only get a criminal background check for Nebraska convictions. LB 453 is necessary in order to grant the State Patrol permission to search across the nation for any out-of-state convictions. The State Patrol is simply bound by statute to limited purposes for such searches.

Since an estimated 10,000 Nebraskans are under guardianship, Nebraska needs to ensure that applicants for guardianship are reliable and trustworthy. Complete nationwide criminal background checks provide full information for the judge to weigh when deciding if a guardian should be allowed to have significant power over vulnerable people placed under guardianship.

Disability Rights Nebraska asks the legislature to continue supporting LB 453 and pass the bill.

Sincerely,

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