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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska, the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska, writes in support of LB 867.

When managed care companies do not meet their obligations, people with disabilities suffer. The legislature should know and have oversight of the effectiveness of managed care organizations, especially when public funds or the public health systems are involved. Transparency such as prescribed by LB 867 will be required to gauge whether or not managed care organizations are living up to their contractual obligations (and if not, why) and will be essential to develop systemic mechanisms to correct violations.

Disability Rights recommends this legislation be advanced.

For further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience: <a href="mailto:brad@drne.org">brad@drne.org</a>, or 402-474-3183.

Sincerely,

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