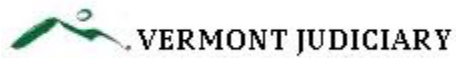


Chair Grad, Vice Chair Burditt, and members of the Committee,  
My name is Jeff Kilgore, I am the Washington County Probate Judge. I testify today representing no one other than myself, although I have polled the probate judges concerning H. 837. Two probate judges expressed their opinions with me. They like myself are in favor of the Bill. We are especially pleased with section 657 of the Bill which expressly authorizes guardians with approval of the probate court to convey enhanced life estates on behalf of persons under guardianship. As others will testify, the enhanced life estate is an important estate planning tool that should also be made available to those under guardianship. I will let others discuss the technicalities of the language of the conveying instrument. Whatever the outcome of that discussion, I urge you to keep section 657 in the Bill.  
Thank you, and, again, my apologies for my absence.  
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