

Dear Senator White:

I'm writing about [H. 96](#), an act relating to creating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I notice on the agenda you have not scheduled any witnesses who can speak to the experience of institutional, systemic and structural oppression based on psychiatric diagnoses/labels. I also see that that the [H.96](#) refers to "mental disability" and not "psychiatric diagnoses or disability." "Mental disability" is not defined in the bill.

Are you intentionally excluding from the bill individuals and communities harmed by discrimination and oppression based on psychiatric diagnoses or disability?

I would appreciate your expanding the witness list to include individuals who can speak to psychiatric oppression and discrimination and ensuring [H.96](#) addresses this form of oppression and discrimination.

Thank you.

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