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SENATOR MIKE PETERSEN

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SB 68

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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Senate Bill 68 appears to be some common-sense legislation that will help facilitate communications between the health care provider and the caregiver. Having the opportunity for the patient to designate a caregiver will ensure that any HIPAA forms are current and will enhance the care of the patient.

I believe this bill provides the appropriate protections for the hospitals and for patient privacy rights by not requiring them to designate a caregiver. I believe many of our hospitals are currently making an attempt to do this and this bill codifies that practice as well as provides protection for the facilities.

Thank you for considering this measure.

Senator Mike Petersen

Senate Public Health and Welfare

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Attachment 1