

Disability Rights Nebraska

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for Nebraskans with disabilities. Under the auspices of the federal Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury Act, we are authorized to advocate and educate regarding policy issues related to traumatic brain injury. We support LB 642 as originally introduced, with the bill's initial Amendment 1501, and as the current pending AM 1815 to LB 481.

Not all individuals with a brain injury qualify for Medicaid; not all individuals with a brain injury are eligible for Nebraska's Traumatic Brain Injury waiver program; and not all individuals with a brain injury have their needs met adequately with current state funding levels. The Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund would be a resource to bridge the funding and services gap for Nebraskans with brain injuries.

We recommend that the Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund be approved as AM 1815 to LB 481 and advanced this session.

Sincerely,

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