DDA Commission Testimony:

As a parent of an adult who participates in Self-Direction Community Pathways Waiver since 2008, and a longtime advocate, I support Bill 10-23, Health – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

While I respect the many individuals receiving provider base services, also strongly support the following areas being represented in the new Commission:

Self-Direction - The participant and families using self-directed services need representation on Commission/Committee.

• There are issues with the roll out of EVV by DDA, which is extremely frustrating and creating a lot of stress for self-direction participants and families unnecessarily. DDA did a poor job of the rollout and many families are very concerned about the long-term consequences of EVV on participants. We need feedback from DDA on EVV rollout and implementation. We need to assure DDA doesn't continue to put roadblocks up unnecessarily on self-directed individuals and their supporters.

Long Term Planning - needed for all individuals with IDD whether people are served by provider model or Self-Direction model or something in-between. Individuals will need support to manage their services so individuals will continue to be served regardless of family support.

IDD individuals not served by **DDA** or other services need to be represented. Some of these individuals were lost in the school system and never identified. There are many older individuals of aging parents, who will need support once families aren't there to support them.

Many Individuals with IDD may have co-morbidities such as mental health issues and other disabilities. How will these be addressed by a DD Commission?

Regards Reda Sheinberg