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Dear Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 787. (This testimony was transcribed by Chris Garr, CEO at Youth Challenge, assisting Sean).

- The big issue with the current standards is that the general public, although they see the ADA placard, they don't adhere to the rules.
- My van had been blocked by shopping carts or motorcycles where I could not get in. This is why we need more education and more enforcement.
- This issue is more critical in the winter months, when often snow is plowed into mountains, inconveniently located on ADA parking spots.
- It is our experience with YC, that at State Parks, often ADA camp sites and their accompanying parking is often booked and occupied by people who do not possess proper placard, but request extra space or convenient site near restroom facility.
- Education and messaging is important so that the public is aware of rules and principles guiding the need for accessible parking.
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I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you all for your time and I am happy to answer any questions at this time.

Regards,

Sean C. Walker

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 12-3-2020

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes  No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): H.B. 787

Specific Issue: Accessible Parking

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No

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How much time will your testimony require? n/a

Please provide a brief statement on your position: "I, Sean Walker, am a person with a disability and utilize ADA parking. I am a proponent of H.B. 787."

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