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Senate Bill 186 is introduced to protect and guarantee by state law all psychiatric patients' right to file a grievance.

Psychiatric patients in acute care facilities almost without exception have dementia or diminished capacity. Sen. Bill 186 needs to pass to protect psychiatric patients.

Senate Bill 8 requires psychiatric facilities, including acute care facilities, to make a good faith effort at providing the patient's choice of gender of staff for intimate care services. The passage of this bill will reduce trauma to psychiatric patients, a high percentage of which have experienced sexual or physical abuse in their backgrounds.

We encourage the general public, news outlets and institutions to support the passage of these bills.

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