Hearings Officer and others,

As a mother, health care provider, educator/counselor and involved community member I urge you to review and move forward Taylor's Law for families within the State of Oregon and across the nation.

The Opioid Epidemic is beyond the scope of individuals, families and community based programs while the perpetrators and those profiting through the addictions and desperation of others continuing to "ply their wares" with minimal consequences must be stopped. This bill is a small step forward and a very necessary part in reigning in this nationwide destruction of people of all ages, ethnicities and cultural backgrounds.

Families cannot continue to be ripped apart, lives lost and children, regardless of age, subjected to the ongoing struggles of addiction, lack of recovery and rehabilitation resources and the necessary supports to become clean and sober, employable, housed and successful community members.

I urge you to review and recommend this bill during the current legislative session. Thanks you in advance for your support of HB2797.

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