Senator Gelser and Honorable members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

On behalf of the Oregon Youth Authority, I would like to extend our appreciation for the efforts to develop the 825-2. The -2 amendments, remove the Oregon Youth Authority, youth committed to our care, and providers that we contract with that only serve OYA youth. This aligns Oregon law with the Families First Act and the population impacted. Youth in the juvenile justice system, were not meant to be included and we appreciate that clarification.

We are currently reviewing the bill for any technical amendments to ensure that the language relating to youth offenders committed to the Oregon Youth Authority is clear and technically sound. We will get amendments to Senator Gelser as soon as absolutely possible for your consideration.

Again, thank you very much for your consideration of the -2 amendments or any that carve out the Oregon Youth Authority and our youth offenders from SB 825.

Kindly, Christine Kirk

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