

Hello,

I would like to voice my opposition to SB1008. My younger brother was the victim of a heinous murder committed in Eugene.

It does not make sense to give special consideration to the perpetrators of a heinous murder just because they are youths. To do so is to in effect say that the lives of young killers matter more than those of their victims.

It is critical to the safety of our communities that we be protected from people of any age who lack empathy. Most people know not to inflict pain on another person well before the age of 21. As my wise mother states, her children knew not to hurt another living being well before the age of seven. To argue that killers should be treated lightly because they are young gives young people a pass that might result in more violent deaths of vulnerable people who should be protected.

Sincerely,
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