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Support for HB 2348

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of HB 2348 for how it would provide a plant-based food option to incarcerated persons. As Project Coordinator for Hope Partnership/Janus Youth Programs, I have provided programming in Oregon Youth Authority's MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility for 10 years. In that time, I have witnessed the ups and downs of food service, food policy, and food quality available to our young adults in custody. I came to this work as a former health and environmental health educator and it is still a part of the person I am as I engage with youth and adults. It is through that lens that I have seen the lack of healthy options, variety, and balanced nutrition available. I have also eaten the food the youth are served on many occasions and can attest to quality. I have seen the evolution from in house prepared snacks to more processed food offerings.

Aside from the monumental work of food service employees and guiding staff, decisions are made elsewhere in agencies for food service policy. If we are to truly move into the 21st century of justice reform and juvenile justice reform, food must be in the forefront as much as sentencing, housing, and resources for personal development.

In my experience, as young adults are exposed to the education and programs for personal development their view of food options becomes more critical, more nuanced, and healthier. As they learn about fitness, consumerism, and environmentalism, they begin to explore being vegan, vegetarian, and a host of other healthier ways to eat. This concern translates to their families, their communities, and beyond. We are doing a grave disservice to their education, their health, and their future when we ignore one of the most fundamental needs after safety and security... food.

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Having said this, I hope you will consider the ramifications of the bill and the ability to provide healthier options all around as well as a focus on plant-based options. There are models nationwide in schools and correctional facilities that use in house chefs, gardens, and innovative community partnerships to engage this most fundamental need. You need not reinvent the wheel to move forward successfully.

HB 2348 provides benefits to the youth, the adult, the staff, and ultimately community. Providing options to engage youth, young adults, and adults in custody opens a world of training options, employment, and an expansion of services that align us to the true justice reform we seek. I encourage you to fully support HB 2348 for institutions and incarcerated individuals.

Sincerely,

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