

Dear Madam Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Human Services and Mental Health Committee,

My name is Danika Porter and I am a Registered Nurse, a community volunteer and also a small business owner in Newberg, OR.

My husband and I have had the opportunity to volunteer with the Community Wellness Collective, an organization that supports at-risk youth. Our youth are the future leaders in our community, and we must invest in them holistically.

HB2333 is common sense legislation and is very much so needed to ensure we are not just medicating a child in foster care but providing a full plethora of mental health and wellness services that our foster children should be getting.

This legislation would help find pockets of over prescription, mis-diagnoses, and gaps in potential services that could be offered to our at-risk youth.

I encourage the legislature and Human Services Committee to pass HB2333 with a do-pass recommendation.

Thank you so much.

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