



community alliance of tenants

Date: February 1, 2022
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Kim McCarty, Community Alliance of Tenants
Re: Support for Transforming Justice 2022, SB 1510

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kim McCarty, I am writing on behalf of The Community Alliance of Tenants.

Every Oregonian deserves to feel safe and be treated with dignity. But many of us, especially Black, Indigenous, Latine, and other people of color, feel vulnerable and unprotected in our own communities, homes, and workplaces.

Transforming Justice 2022 (SB 1510) will **improve success for people on probation and parole** with a rulemaking process that can prevent, in some instances, parole and probation officers from visiting the people they supervise at work. The rules will also cover when certain people on supervision can report remotely

People who have been held accountable for harm should have a chance to succeed. Excessively long and burdensome parole and probation sentences disrupt a person's life, family, and employment, and prevent people from rebuilding their lives and thriving -- barriers that disproportionately affect Black, Indigenous, Latine, and other people of color. By eliminating unnecessary barriers for people on parole and probation, we can build on people's strengths and promote stable homes, families, and economies.

SB 1510 ensures that people who have caused harm are responsible for that harm, after which they would have an opportunity to rebuild their lives. It also ensures that crime survivors have the resources they need to heal and invests in culturally specific services for communities of color throughout Oregon.

Please support SB 1510 and enact these critically needed changes that are aligned with Oregonians' vision for a public safety system rooted in racial equity, accountability, healing, and opportunity.

We must protect the rights of everyone who calls Oregon home and support their ability to thrive. By doing so, we can continue being a place that values families and communities.

Sincerely,

Kim McCarty
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