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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB528

Thank you for your awesome consideration of SB 528. I am a citizen member of the OJD Advisory Committee on grant funds received from Administration for Community Living's Elder Justice Innovation initiative to bring us into a waste and fraud-free guardianship and conservatorship system.

I am a formerly protected person whose 2016-2018 protected person status was ordered without full consideration of Least Restrictive Alternatives. People with disabilities are very likely to have their Disability Adjusted Life Years empowered with LRAs which center our lived experience, community resourcefulness and systemic supporters... just like our non-disabled fellow Oregonians. And LRAs benefit all Oregonians, those born disabled and those who develop disabilities later in life. By building LRA equity innovation with SB 528, the Oregon Way will increase public health and safety in ways which sustain family and individual functioning across the continuum of disability.

The alternative to this Bill - no 528 - will prevent Oregonians with disabilities from reaching their/our fullest potential and achieving their greatest goals via outdated, under performing and discriminatory practices. By passing 528, we'll be on our way to fully functional Electronic Health Records which empower public health and safety organizations to include, represent and advance the healing of any and every Oregonian, disabled or not. The cost is limited and internalizes better use of existing systems which put liberty, autonomy and diversity first. Thank you!