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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB548

My name is Cheyanne Jones. I'm here to support & ask you to support SB 548. A bill to prevent the use of trash bags for children in Oregon's foster care system. I myself spent 10 years in this system. I've since become a mother of 3 & an advocate for the youth currently in care. My motivation to advocate comes from wanting to make positive change in their lives & to help set them up to succeed.

Have you personally ever felt naked in a crowded room while being fully clothed? Transitioning into and between foster homes feels just like that. The process of using a trash bag for these transitions was one of the most humiliating parts of my childhood. Nothing reminded me more of the situations I had survived before entering care; then limiting myself, my future, & my potential to a trash bag. SB 548 will help ensure that no youth will ever feel this level of insignificance or invisibility while being in foster care. It could not only save lives, but it could also positively impact the way youth in care view and feel about themselves. Who wouldn't want to be that healthy stepping stone for a beautiful young life? You can do just that by supporting SB 548.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Please have a life changing day.

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Current advocate for foster youth