



To: Chair Patterson and Members of the Senate Health Committee

Re: Support for SB 432.1

The Democratic Party of Multnomah County urges passage of Senate Bill 432.1 Behavioral Health Consumer Engagement Act of 2023.

It is in keeping with our 2022 Platform:

Article IV. Social Security and Health

Plank 7: We support publicly funded Mental Health Crisis Services and call on our elected officials to reestablish a comprehensive mental health and behavioral care system.

Article VIII. Justice

Legislative Action Item 5: We call on the state, counties and cities to significantly increase appropriations to programs that divert people from incarceration, such as addiction and mental health treatment, domestic violence services, alternative to incarceration programs, and re-entry services.

This legislation has been reviewed and supported by the Administration Committee on behalf of the Multnomah Democrats, by the Platform, Resolution and Legislative Committee, and by the Basic Rights Study Group.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Burlison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Burlison, Chair, on behalf of the Multnomah County Democrats

Bobbi Yambasu, Chair, Platform Resolution and Legislative Committee

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