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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2650

Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the committee,

My name is Shani Harris-Bagwell and I am the founder of Bagwell Consulting and a member of the Transforming Justice Coalition.

The Transforming Justice Coalition is a group of people impacted by the criminal justice system, service providers, and policy advocates who came together following the racial justice reckoning of 2020 to rethink our public safety and criminal justice system.

We advocated for and passed SB 1510 in the 2022 session. This bill was developed through a workgroup process that centered the voices of people directly impacted by the criminal justice system, culturally-specific organizations, and service providers.

Our coalition has a new slate of policy priorities for this session and one of those is HB 2650, a bill to require workgroups and task forces to include the voices of people directly impacted by the policy being discussed, mirroring the equitable experience of the SB 1510 workgroup.

Our coalition urges your support of this important bill.