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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB520

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

I am writing to you in support of SB 520, which provides humane medical release to Adults in Custody in prison. I am writing as one of thousands of Oregonians who has experienced a loved one in prison. I attempted to support a woman I met whose husband died in hospice in prison after prolonged illness and she was not allowed medical area visitation. I knew a single father with Leukemia, awaiting bone marrow transplant, whose only criminal sentence was longer than his life expectancy. His 6 year old son would have benefitted tremendously to spend the time with his father that this bill would have allowed.

I know these are only anecdotes, and I am sharing them to bring your awareness to the breadth of positive impact this bill's passing would bring to your constituents. Thank-you for your time.