

Testimony in support of Oregon Rebound LC 4329 March 28, 2023

I write as a long-term representative of Project Rebound. A program that has helped formerly incarcerated men and women to matriculate into San Francisco State University (SFSU) for over 54 years.

We have proven that education is a viable alternative to incarceration and recidivism.

In my capacity at Project Rebound, I have helped hundreds of formerly incarcerated individuals graduate from (SFSU), but I have also supervised over 100 interns and volunteers and gone on to become an adjunct professor in both Criminal Justice and Sociology after serving out a 17 year sentence in the California State prison system. I am living proof that higher education is important for people returning after incarceration.

I am proud to support Oregon Rebound LC 4329

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