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Good morning members of the Early Childhood and Human Services Committee:

My name is Ana Day, and I am the Executive Director of Oregon Community Programs, located in Lane County. We at Oregon Community Programs provide a range of evidence-based services to children and families including Outpatient Behavioral Health, Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Treatment, and Behavioral Health Treatment Foster Care.

We also partner closely with our local Child Advocacy Center (CAC) to serve youth who have been the victims of abuse with evidence-based treatments like Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) or Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) both of which have been shown to greatly improve outcomes for young people who have experienced abuse.

As part of our work, we also regularly come into contact with youth who demonstrate problematic sexual behaviors (PSBs) often as a result of their own abuse. We see that Oregon's current practice of tasking ODHS with investigating certain types of abuse perpetrated by non-caregivers has unintended impacts that could be rectified through a careful, multidisciplinary review of our processes and resources.

We support HB4086 which establishes a task force with representation from law enforcement, child welfare, child advocacy centers, behavioral health, youth and families, and other important partners in creating a system that strongly protects public safety and also gets children the treatment they need to be healthy, accountable, and productive citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this important task force to both protect public safety and improve our system for getting youth the accountability and treatment they need.

Sincerely,



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