

Below is a link to the video testimony of Kimber Lundy of Tillamook submitted in support of SB 444:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRqFaua4NFk>

Here is a transcript of her testimony:

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Hi, my

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name is Kimber Lundy and I live in Tillamook County.

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I am a volunteer advocate for people

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with different abilities  
and different disabilities

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to make sure that they can reach services  
and have homes that they need.

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I was born with cerebral palsy and  
it has become more complex as I've aged.

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I use an electrical wheelchair,  
a regular chair.

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I can stand up and use a walker  
for a very, very brief time.

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I live in the cottage that I rent  
and I am living on my own,

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but my home is only partially accessible.

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I was on a waiting list  
for almost two years

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before I moved into this home,  
and even though

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it didn't have a wheelchair ramp,  
I needed a place to live.

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I could not get into my front door  
easily, and I feared

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I would fall down the steps.

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I looked for programs to help me purchase  
and install a ramp,

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but could not find any.

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Thankfully, my friends donated the ramp  
and their time and built one for me.

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This was life changing.

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I have been involved in the community  
for years,

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but many people with disabilities  
or even without,

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especially in rural areas, are isolated

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and do not have these connections.

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The ramp is costly,  
and finding people with the skills

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and the time to install it for  
you is very challenging.

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It is also very difficult  
for me to get into my bathroom.

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The door is not wide  
even for my chair and it's very small,

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so it is hard to get into the shower.

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I also feel like I will lose my balance  
and that scares me.

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If I fall, I would probably break a bone.

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He also can't cook easily.

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In my chair,  
my head is at the same level

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as the stove  
and I risk getting splattered or burned.

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So I eat a lot of frozen foods with you.

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Some are good, some aren't.

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I do have a washer and dryer in my home.

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If I did not, I would not be able to do laundry independently.

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Accessible homes have features like ramps.

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Easy to get in to showers, wider doors,

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modified appliances and space so that they can move around.

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All these items.

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I support Senate Bill 444 with the dash one amendment.

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Everyone deserves to go in and out of their home safely and take care of

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basic needs like showering without the risk or fear of getting hurt.

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Thank you.