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Hello, there. My name is Kelly McCauley and i have a disability. I now live in a group home, due to my struggles with mental health. I am happy to report, that I am living a much better life in this group home. I am very passionate, about the subject of mental health. And have become an advocate for many. I have been helping with creating mental health training videos with, OHSU. And I have one coming up. People with disabilities, should never be discriminated against, while receiving services. Because it can be rather harmful. And it hurts one self.

Not everyone knows that they have the freedom, to access mental health care. I would like to change that. My staff, in the group home helps me make doctors appointments, and counseling appointments. My staff, sometimes sits in my counseling appointment with me. That way, if I have anything personal to talk about, then they are there to support me.

I am the chair for the linn/ benton SPARC group. And I am the new Chair for the, OREGON COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. I have just completed my first term with the Oregon Council. And will be re applying for another term. I am very passionate about the subject of mental health. And I believe that everyone should have access to mental health care.

I thank you, for your time. And thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely, Kelly McCauley