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Support for HB 2465

Chair Kropf and members of the committee, my name is Nick Reiten. I am a Parole and Probation Officer with Jackson County. I am also the past Chair of the Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers.

Thank you for the committee's time on House Bill 2465. As Rachel Strickland and Jennifer Cameron have stated, it is imperative to include Parole/Probation Officers in the definition of "Custody." Incorporating PO's into this definition, it will increase the safety of our officers and Adults on Supervision, when arrests are required within the course of our duties.

I want to highlight the second section of this bill, the inclusion of PO's being able to access DMV ID photos. Currently we are not included in the list of authorized law enforcement officials to view these photo records.

As a previous Domestic Violence PO, it is imperative that we know the identity of protected victims. Often, we make contacts in the community or at home with a person on supervision and don't know who protected parties are. Currently we can search open-source social media and hope to find pictures of protected individuals. This is very challenging and hard to verify protected parties accurately. We encounter private profiles, altered aliases and the expansion of various social media platforms.

Multiple times, I contacted a probationer with their victim and was lied to about their identity. Only after failed polygraphs or further contact with law enforcement, was I able to verify the previous prohibited contact. By not being able to identify the violation of no contact, perpetrators are able to continue their cycle of abuse.

Having access to DMV ID photos, Probation Officers would be able to know protected parties identities, intervene in real time and support the safety of victims.

Thank you for your time on House Bill 2465,

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