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Good Afternoon,

I am a current employee at Self Enhancement, Inc. and a long-time resident of Northeast Portland. My mother migrated here in the late '70s, and NE Portland has been our home ever since.

Growing up in this neighborhood, SEI provided me with safe opportunities for education, cultural expression, and exposure to new perspectives—not only for myself as a 40-year-old but also for my 20-year-old daughter, nieces, and nephews.

As this neighborhood continues to change, I am proud to be part of an organization committed to serving the African-American community and ensuring that future generations have access to the same opportunities.

I wholeheartedly support this bill and any efforts by SEI to carry forward the legacy of its founder while continuing to transform the lives of families in this community.