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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5025

Dear Joint Subcommittee On Human Services Members/Congressional Members,

Please support HB 5025 to appropriate money from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority to help fund Oregon Psilocybin Services. I am both a psilocybin facilitator and MD (doing volunteer work only) and I have firsthand seen many people benefit significantly from Oregon's psilocybin program. These people have been challenged with addiction, anxiety, treatment-resistant depression, PTSD, complicated grief, and OCD, amongst other conditions. This is a landmark program helping many Oregonians and it should be both preserved and strengthened.

If the OPS isn't partially funded through this bill and the General Fund, the already-high license fees may double for facilitators, service centers, manufacturers, and labs, and this would require the cost to end-users also be increased. The result would be that the service would be less affordable and less available to the great many Oregonians who could benefit from it.

Please help support the mental health of Oregonians by supporting this bill and the funding of Oregon Psilocybin Services.

Thank you,
Frank Larson, MD