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To: The Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: SB 1065 Support

On behalf of Guardian Partners, I write to you in strong support of SB 1065, a bill that establishes the Center for Decision-Making Supports.

Guardian Partners is a nonprofit founded to protect vulnerable Oregonians under guardianship care. Through dual programs of education for new guardians and case monitoring of guardianships, we seek to improve the lives of Protected Persons. This approach of training plus oversight has proven effective; it has driven our growth to serve 23 counties in Oregon.

We support SB 1065 as this Act would set up a center to help people with disabilities and their families understand their options and what tools are available.

We urge you to pass SB 1065 in this legislative session. I am available for testimony or additional information, as requested. We appreciate the Committee's time and work on this effort.

Sincerely,

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