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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2502

Dear Co-Chairs Prozanski and Kropf, Members of the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community

Safety Response:

My name is Sarah Farmer, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2502, HB 3321, and HB

3375. As a community engagement coordinator and experienced a loss to overdose, I have seen firsthand the urgent need for stronger primary prevention programs and expanded services for Oregon's youth.

- I appreciate the Legislature's efforts to develop and implement a primary prevention state strategy (HB 3321).

- Ensure a clear and comprehensive assessment of youth substance use prevention, screening, intervention, and treatment and support invaluable recovery high schools (HB 3375, HB 2502).

- Strengthen the role of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, requiring distinct and regular

youth-focused and primary prevention reporting on plans and outcomes (HB 2502, HB 3321, HB

3375, and ultimately HB 2929).

If these bills merge, I respectfully request that the definition of primary prevention remain strong and that

a clear, strategic approach to primary prevention not be weakened. Additionally, I urge the Committee to

consider ensuring explicit youth and primary prevention reporting requirements as a distinct pillar within

HB 2929.

Thank you for your leadership on these critical issues. By supporting these bills, you will safeguard

Oregon's youth, strengthen families, and promote healthier communities across our state. I appreciate

your consideration and respectfully request your "Do Pass" and "Yes" vote on these measures.

Sincerely,

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