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I am testifying in support of SB 1120. I have been going into CCCF for 20 years. I used to be part of a Native American group going in to provide spiritual services. During my PhD work I conducted a workshop "Healing the Sacred Hoop" with Native American woman. For the past 3 years I have been teaching at CCCF through Portland State University. Additionally, I mentor a number of women who have been incarcerated. I have also written a book about the issue of incarceration and Native women; with the subject matter being applicable to all women experiencing incarceration. The Department of Corrections needs to design and implement policies related to gender-responsive, evidenced based, and trauma informed practices at CCCF. Those needed policies will assist in healing for all the women who are imprisoned.

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