



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
OREGON NOW

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Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon National Organization for Women (NOW) Legislative Task Force, we strongly support Senate Bill 1120. This bill addresses the serious deficiencies at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility (CCCF) identified in the 2023 Gender-Informed Practices Assessment (GIPA), which highlights unsafe, dehumanizing, and unacceptable conditions for incarcerated women.

The GIPA report reveals multiple critical issues at CCCF, including:

- **Worsening mental health issues** due to the lack of proper support.
- **Sexual abuse and harassment** frequently reported, with many women experiencing retaliation when they report misconduct.
- **Discriminatory and harassing behaviors** from staff, leading to an unsafe environment.
- **High rates of suicide attempts** and self-injury among women incarcerated at CCCF.
- **Shackling of pregnant women** and inadequate prenatal and postnatal care.
- **Delayed medical care**, worsened conditions, and denials of necessary surgeries.
- **Interference with family connections**, preventing women from maintaining contact with their children.
- **Lack of comprehensive reentry plans**, which increases the risk of harm and recidivism upon release

These conditions not only harm incarcerated women but also jeopardize their families and communities upon release. We urge your support for Senate Bill 1120 to create a safer and more humane environment for incarcerated women in Oregon, and to address the systemic failures identified in the GIPA report. Please move this bill forward to help ensure that all individuals in Oregon's prison system are treated with dignity, respect, and access to necessary services.

Sincerely,
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