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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee, my name is Martin Lockett, and I am the Director of Cultural Engagement at Lines for Life. I am also a formerly incarcerated person who spent nearly two decades in the Oregon Department of Corrections. I strongly support this bill because I've been personally impacted by poor prison healthcare and want DOC to be accountable for providing the same quality of care available to everyone in its custody.

SB 293-1 is a necessary step to ensure that the Department of Corrections meets basic healthcare standards—treating pre-existing conditions, documenting treatment denials, ensuring care is not withheld based on release date, and maintaining an up-to-date formulary. These are fundamental expectations for any healthcare system, and DOC should be no different. I urge you to support SB 293-1 to improve continuity of care and protect the health and dignity of incarcerated individuals.

Thank you for taking time to read my plea and I wish you all the best during this critical period in your legislative duties.

Respectfully,

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