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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2467

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2467. While the bill aims to address important issues, there are several critical concerns that need to be considered.

Public Safety: The bill defines individuals who are "dangerous to self or others" as those who pose a threat to themselves or others. However, the criteria for determining who is considered dangerous must be clear and stringent to prevent misuse and ensure that only those who truly pose a risk are subject to intervention.

Individual Rights: There is a significant concern about the potential for government overreach and the protection of individual rights. It is crucial to ensure that involuntary commitment is not misused and that there are robust safeguards in place to protect individuals' rights. Without clear criteria and stringent safeguards, there is a risk of infringing on personal freedoms.

Fiscal Responsibility: The financial implications of HB 2467 need thorough scrutiny. It is essential to advocate for the efficient use of resources and ensure that the costs associated with mental health programs and transportation are justified and managed responsibly. The bill should include a detailed cost analysis to ensure fiscal responsibility.

Community and Family Involvement: Solutions that involve community and family support should be prioritized over state intervention. Policies that encourage local and family-based approaches to mental health care can be more effective and supportive. Community and family involvement can provide a more holistic and compassionate approach to mental health care.

Second Amendment Rights: The provision allowing courts to prohibit individuals deemed dangerous from purchasing or possessing firearms is a point of contention. It is important to stress the importance of due process and careful consideration before restricting Second Amendment rights. Any restrictions must be based on clear evidence and follow a fair legal process.

In summary, while the bill's focus on safety and structured procedures is appreciated, it is essential to emphasize the importance of protecting individual freedoms, ensuring fiscal responsibility, and involving community and family in mental health solutions. I urge you to consider these concerns and work towards a more balanced

and effective approach.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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