

To Whom it may Concern, Oregon Senate

I'm writing to request that Oregon lower the guidelines for civil commitments. As it stands, it feels nearly impossible to have someone, who may need to be, civilly committed. It could truly be a life saver for the individual and others.

Severe mental illness can be a very traumatic, dangerous, lonely, hopeless way to live. I personally was born to a schizophrenic mother and gave birth to a boy, whom now as a young adult has formally been diagnosed, Schizo affective. Both of my loved ones had/ has lead a troubled and traumatic life, due to their illness. Having Hallucinations and delusions has caused them to be suicidal, dangerous, violent among other things.

If the guidelines had allowed for civil commitment, may be they would or could have a better quality of life. They could be held to a therapeutic facility, instead of sitting in Jails, which completely defeats the purpose of a quality of life. Please consider one of our most vulnerable populations, their families, friends and communities and work to move forward on this very important issue.

Thank you for your time and Consideration.

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