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My name is Phi Tran, and I live in Portland.

As a person who have experienced community violence (I was assaulted by a homeless person who was mentally unstable), these policies are important to me because I felt like my experience was preventable. My assailant was no stranger to the criminal legal system, violence, nor to the police... who actually urged me to not press charges because he believed that “nothing would happen.”

Unfortunately we as a state have spent too much on reactive measures instead of treating the root cause. Most people who commit violence are also victims of violence, especially in their youth. We should focus on community safety that is built on access to services that promote accountability, restoration, and healing for everyone.

That’s why I urge you to support the Family Sentencing Alternative Program (FSAP), the Justice Reinvestment Equity Program (JREP), and Measure 110. Thank you for investing in survivors of crime, people convicted of crime, and the families and communities of both.