April 29, 2025

Dear Representative Hartman and Members of the Committee:

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities should not be denied mental health services based on their disabilities. There needs to be a change in the state of Oregon. I support SB 729.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities that have mental health needs may need to be counselled and supported. I have PTSD from trauma, and it is hard when you are having PTSD throughout your life, and it is still not under control. I started advocating for people to get mental health support because of my experiences. I have great mental health support right now and it makes my life easier.

Thank you,

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