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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Testimony in Support of HB 3132
House Committee on Human Services and Housing
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Chair Tomei and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 3132, which I am proud to co-sponsor.

House Bill 3132 is about protecting some of Oregon's most vulnerable citizens. It is important to ensure that employees of these facilities receive the training they need to take care of their clients. As a former police officer, I can tell you that we require officers to complete standardized training before assuming their duties. Can we accept any lower standards for the people who care for these clients?

Ensuring that these workers receive the training they need, will also help reduce the number of abuse reports that are caused by inadequate training. By reducing these reports, we will be able to have greater continuity of service for the clients, which is extremely helpful to their wellbeing and reduce some of the overwhelming burden that is placed on the investigators of these reports.

The primary guide for our efforts in this area must be the safety, health and wellness of the clients. House Bill 3132 will lead to improvement in the care these clients receive.

Thank you for taking the time to consider House Bill 3132, I hope it will have your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Gorsek", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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