



**Bridgeway**  
Freedom Through Recovery

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Re: HB 4028

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Restoring Lives  
by Taking Control  
of Addiction

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with your committee today. My name is Tim Murphy and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Bridgeway Recovery Services an Addictions and Mental Health Medicine clinic here in Salem. We have an outpatient treatment program designed to treat problem gamblers and we have the only residential treatment program for those suffering from severe problems related to their gambling addiction. We currently have eight beds dedicated to problem gambling and have a waiting list for those needing treatment.

Recently the Oregonian ran a series of articles outlining the concern many of us have about the state sponsored Lottery and the crushing problems that some of our citizens face as a result of their problem gambling. The articles drew a clear picture that we all know is valid about an inordinate portion of Oregonians doing most of the gambling.

At Bridgeway we see firsthand the devastation that occurs for some individuals as a result of their addiction to gambling. Jobs lost, homes foreclosed, families torn apart, children placed in foster care, incarcerations, and suicides are all part of the picture that comes from addiction to gambling. Most of our clients by a large margin report that their "games of choice" are Oregon State Lottery line games easily found in every town in Oregon. Last year the Oregon State Lottery decided to stop their advertising of the problems related to gambling and how to access treatment. I am here today to strongly support HB 4028 that directs funds to the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of advertising for gambling treatment programs.

Thank You,



Tim Murphy  
Chief Executive Officer