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SB 839 – Allows people to seek medical attention without fear of arrest – SB 839 saves lives.

### **OACCD SUPPORTS SB 839 – WHICH WILL HELP STEM THE TIDE OF THE HEROIN OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC PLAGUING OUR COMMUNITIES**

Community Corrections agencies provide community supervision including parole, post prison and probation services in all 36 Oregon counties. Heroin use is skyrocketing in very corner of our state. Clients from all walks of life are using heroin. Overdose deaths and near-deaths are occurring at alarming rates creating a public health crisis.

This law will allow individuals to seek medical attention without the fear of arrest. Community safety and the safety of our clients are of paramount importance to us. This bill provides an appropriate balance to those ideals and it will save lives. We will continue to vigorously provide accountability and we will provide services that will assist in long term behavior change. This bill does not change that.

We urge you to support SB 839.

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