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TO: House Judiciary Committee  
Representative Jeff Barker, Chair  
Representative Brent Barton  
Representative Wayne Krieger  
Representative Andy Olsen  
Representative Sherrie Sprenger

Representative Mitch Greenlick  
Representative Ann Lininger  
Representative Bill Post  
Representative Jessica Vega Pederson

A letter regarding HB 4123 scheduled for hearing and possible work session-- Feb. 3, 2016

Chair Barker and members of the committee,

We are writing in strong support of HB 4123. In our work with Oregon Voices, we deal with many people in re-entry. We support this bill for several reasons.

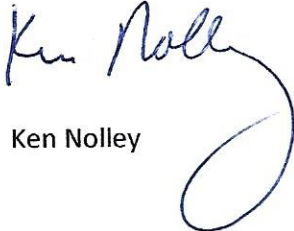
First we support it because we know that it addresses a real financial problem for many people in re-entry. We have observed the struggles of people to find work, particularly work which pays enough to support a minimal life and the costs associated with supervision. If they have a family, the struggles are greater. If, as is often the case, the pressures resulting from conviction, incarceration and their aftermath a marriage breaks up, one can often add child support to the picture. HB 4123 will provide a critical resource for some desperate people.

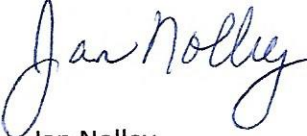
Second, we support it because we believe that it will bring new workers and new service hours to community services that may be chronically limited by the lack of human resources.

Finally, we support it because we believe that this bill will assist in the rebuilding self-respect and redemptive engagement with community life. From doing this work for a number of years, we know that many people in re-entry often have little in their recent life in which they can take some pride. We have seen firsthand how work that has value to other individuals and the community can rebuild a self-image and help to restore confidence when these things have been undermined and battered by recent experience.

We believe that this is a bill that deserves strong support. We hope that you will agree.

Sincerely,

  
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