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Senator Sara Gelser
Chair - Oregon Senate Human Services Committee
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Dear Chair Gelser,

On Wednesday afternoon March 15th, 2017 at 1pm the Oregon Senate Human Services Committee will convene. On the agenda is **SB - 51**, a presentation from the Oregon Health Authority regarding their recent **Behavioral Health Collaborative** report and their recommendations. **We would like to request a specific question to be asked during this presentation.**

In the 28-page draft report entitled "*The 21st Century Oregon Behavioral Health Action Plan: Report and Recommendations from the Oregon Behavioral Collaborative*," (see attached draft report) the following statement was made (on page 15):

Item #2d3. "Include in the OHA-CCO contract mandated language, of a guaranteed service benefit of "peer support services" to be available and offered to all individuals who are receiving behavioral health services treatment in Oregon's system."

Question: What is OHA's commitment is to fulfilling this peer support services contract language recommendation in its Behavioral Collaborative action plan?

Oregon's peer community is very interested in this action plan item and your inquiry on our behalf would be greatly appreciated.

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