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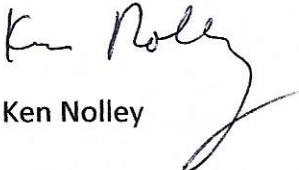
Dear Chair Barker and members of the committee:

My name is Ken Nolley and I am writing on behalf of Oregon Voices and in support of HB 2633. Clearly if we are going to mandate treatment for people who are coming out of incarceration, that treatment should be effective and informed by what are known to be best practices. From dealing with the situations of a large number of persons who have gone through treatment, we believe that the treatment some people are receiving does not meet that standard. In such cases, no one is well-served—not the person receiving treatment, and not the public at large, who have a right to know that effective treatment is being given to persons who may need it. And since we have had members visit Sex Offender Treatment Board meetings in the past, we understand that current practice does not provide effective tools to address problematic treatment when it is occurring.

Sometimes the failures of some treatment providers have been as basic as failing to keep records of treatment given, so that after a person has completed a course of treatment, they cannot get a record of completion from the provider. We know of cases where people had to repeat a full second course of treatment because the first provider could not produce a record of completion.

HB 2633 would move Oregon to something closer to what California has in their Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB), and the bill seems to us to provide a reasonable way of insuring that treatment is informed by best practices in the field, a goal that we should all want to see achieved. We hope that the committee will see fit to support this bill.

Sincerely,


Ken Nolley