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RE: Support of House Bill 3253

Dear House Human Services and Housing Committee Chairperson Alissa Keny-Guyer and Members:

My name is Lin Jaynes and I have been in the Business Enterprise Program since 1994 - first in South Carolina, then entering the Oregon program in 2006 to present. Throughout my tenure as a blind business woman in the Business Enterprise Program, I have personally ran my own vending route, and have also used subcontracting partners.

Accordingly, I support House Bill 3253 that is before you as it not only protects the blind their rights to continue to choose how to operate their businesses successfully as the entrepreneurs they have been encouraged to be by the Oregon Commission for the Blind, but also further aligns the statutes in Oregon with the Federal Act, thus expanding entrepreneurial prospects for persons who are blind.

The progressive proposed legislation and respective forthcoming amendments will take Oregon's Business Enterprise Program in a new direction for more blind Oregonians to experience the pride of being successful business owners, as I have, and for those reasons I ask your support of House Bill 3253.

Respectfully Submitted,

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