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**Advocating for Oregon's Disabled: Services & Jobs**

As a disability advocate for the citizens of Oregon, I would like to express my support for vital services related to assistance for the disabled community. This would include human services, but also reducing the barriers to entry into the workforce. By removing some standards like GED requirements for certain licensure it would assist disabled Oregonians who haven't received their High School Diploma or equivalent but, may have experience that would transfer into employment. I know the value of those who have received jobs, despite how few the hours or little the pay, and their satisfaction in life increases significantly with employment.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me, and best of luck in balancing the budget and creating more job opportunities for our disabled citizens.

Best regards,

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