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## HB 3078A recent endorsements

"United Seniors of Oregon and Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens has endorsed HB 3078 to reduce presumptive sentences (and prison time) for some types of property crimes and ID theft. We believe that vulnerable seniors would be better served by spending more of our public funds on human supports and services and rehabilitation than on keeping people locked up for non-violent offenses. "

--Jim McConnell, President

**United Seniors of Oregon**

**Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens**

"Measure 57 has been a major driver of the women's prison population, and we now know that almost everyone who commits Measure 57 drug and property crimes is struggling with both mental illness and addiction. Locking these people up didn't help with those problems so they came out and continued to re-offend. It's time to do something different, and HB 3078 is a step in the right direction."

--Paul Steigleder, retired deputy sheriff for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in an Op-ed in the Oregonian

"Through HB 3078, Oregon can begin to address the reality that domestic and sexual violence are drivers that impact women's chance of being involved with the criminal justice system. Adequate resources for safety and support services for victims are critical for our communities and our families."

--Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

"People who commit a crime should be held accountable, which includes more than just punishment. The Gospel teaches us that all have fallen and are in need of grace, forgiveness, and restoration — including for those who have broken the law. Restoration needs to be better woven into the process of addressing crime. Helping restore individual offenders as productive citizens is not only the right policy, but it also reflects the concept of justice embraced by Judeo-Christian faith.

The Safety and Savings Act realigns our drug and property sentencing laws to achieve accountability while also controlling escalating state prison costs. The legislation then invests those savings into local communities like ours to provide intensive supervision, addiction and mental health treatment, and victim services. This is both economically sound and evidence-based, as research shows that intensive supervision, rehabilitation, and treatment are more effective than long prison sentences in ensuring a person does not commit a crime again once they have served their time."

--Rev. Jim Boston, former rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and a retired Naval Reserve Chaplain. He lives in Grants Pass and was featured in the Grants Pass Daily Courier