

Hi, [REDACTED].

I'm a healthcare professional in the music therapy field who is asking you to please support LG 52 during this special session. I want to help make sure Oregonians with disabilities can access needed healthcare, and especially have trusted support while hospitalized. This also includes support during end-of-life decisions and care.

Right now, we are amidst a powerful moment where human rights are front and center. For too long, we have ignored and oppressed many groups including people with disabilities, people of color and indigenous people, and many others who are not part of the wealthy and/or white majority. This is not necessarily intentional, but ingrained in our social and economic system as chronic, systemic inequality. I believe legislation that helps others access needed healthcare supports is part of a multi-faceted system helping more Americans achieve equality and dignity in life.

Most Americans right now are realizing how important it is for every human to have a right to life, liberty, and happiness - not just with police justice, but access to healthcare, education, and communication and representation. Thank you for considering what I have to say, and for listening to your constituents.

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