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Re: SB 13

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to you today in support of SB 13. As someone for whom the Deaf Community has been an unknown world for most of my life I understand how some might not realize how changing the language on Oregon Statutes would make such a large difference. I now know better.

Several years ago my son, as a linguistics major, decided to learn ASL and the culture of the Deaf Community was opened to him. Over the years he has taught me so much about Deaf culture as well as just how important words and language are. When making decisions, any decisions, we need to remember to speak to those who will be most affected by the outcome and ask how they feel about the issue and what they believe is best. In this case the Deaf Community has made a request. It seems like a simple one on the surface but it is one, it isn't. This is something that is a long time coming and they deserve to be listened to.

Thank you for moving in the right direction on this issue.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Danos