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Testimony in Support of HB2667

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RE: HB2667

Dear Chair Greenlick and Committee Members:

My name is Laura Rose Misaras and I am here today to testify in support of HB2667.

I am an attempt and loss survivor as well as a consumer and family advocate trained and experienced in providing peer support. I serve on advisory committees as able providing input for public policy, budgets, and services. Having walked alongside many individuals and families of all ages and stages over the years, I have seen a lot of what works and does not work.

Today I serve as a member of the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide for our youth and young adults. It is a tremendous honor to be at the table and witness the tremendous impact of the hard work over these past years since it formed after the hard work of Senator Gelser, Representative Keny-Guyer, and many champions.

It is time to leverage the momentum and capacity to take the next step and do the same for adult suicide prevention. We have lost community members and students to suicide and the rippling effects run deep, touching many of us every day. Finally, the elements of a more responsive system are being realized, thanks to the communication, training, reporting, peer support, strategies and more.

Let's do this!

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide
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Member of Oregon Peer Delivered Services Coalition Steering Committee
Member of Oregon Family Workforce Association