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TO: House Committee on Business and Labor

RE: HB 4113

Chair Barker, Vice Chair Barreto, Vice Chair Bynum, and members of the committee:

My name is Ken Nolley and I am writing on behalf of Oregon Voices. I have worked closely with the implementation of the risk-based sex offense system that the legislature passed in 2013— first on the group that produced the first draft of the bill, then on an implementation subcommittee of the Governor’s Reentry Task Force, and finally on an advisory group to BPPPS developing procedures for relief and reclassification hearings.

We share the concerns regarding HB 4113 voiced last week by United Business of Oregon: the bill as drafted does not acknowledge the risk levels established under the 2013 bill or the carefully designed differentiation in notification that goes with those levels. These are central elements of the system the legislature put into place in 2013 and therefore should not be set aside easily.

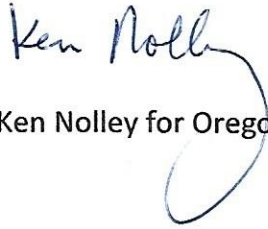
Chair Barker and Vice Chair Bynum may recall several bills dealing with sex offenses and the registry that came before the House Judiciary Committee in the last session. They raise various concerns in various constituencies. It was proposed that BPPPS, the State Police, OYA and Oregon Voices meet with committee counsel to iron out problems. Together we developed a proposal that addressed all the separate problems that different agencies and groups had to deal with.

I know that a short session is a rush for everyone, but the issues raised by this bill in its present form are serious ones. Businesses have already voiced their concern to you. Those of us who work with this population want to maintain the integrity of a system that can maintain the stability of thousands of persons on the registry who have spent years, even decades in rebuilding responsible, offense-free lives, and who at this point demonstrably represent no more risk of committing a new sex crime than anyone who has ever been convicted of any felony whatsoever.

The concerns that led to the drafting of HB 4113 are concerns that we all share; we are united in our desire to protect our children and our communities. But an informed concern of exactly

that sort is also built into the system that is being phased in. I ask you please to work with those who are cooperating to implement the new system and with and Oregon businesses to craft a bill that addresses the common concerns we share for a safe workplace without ignoring or undermining a system that Oregon has spent years building which is dedicated to the same ends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Nolley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Ken Nolley for Oregon Voices