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TO: House Judiciary Committee
RE: HB 2169

Chair Bynum, Vice-Chair Noble, Vice-Chair Powers, and members of the committee:

Oregon Voices strongly supports HB 2169. In 2018, a study was published looking at disproportionate minority representation on public state sex offender registries. In every state but Michigan, African Americans were disproportionately represented in these registries.¹

Two states stood out from the rest. In Minnesota, African Americans were 10.9 times more likely to be on the public registry than Whites. Oregon was second, with Black Oregonians 7.2 time more likely to be on the public registry than White Oregonians. No other state came close to these numbers.

The dataset used in the study came from 2012, and there have been some changes in the Oregon registry since then. I have not seen any more current data, but given what we know about the situation in 2012, it is clear that we need this study. It is also clear that the proposed study should include a careful look at current inequalities in the sex offender registry.

Respectfully,

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¹ Ackerman, Alyssa R. and Meghan Sacks. "Disproportionate Minority Presence on U.S. Sex Offender Registries," *Justice Policy Journal*, Volume 16, Number 2 (Fall, 2018).
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