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Rep. Rachel Prusak, Chair
House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
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Re: Support for HB3231, the Oregon Sign Language Interpreter
Licensure Bill

To Chair Prusak, Vice-Chair Hayden, Vice-Chair Salinas, and
members of the Committee:

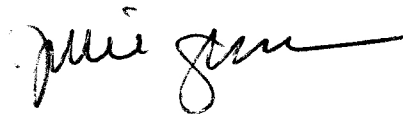
As a nationally certified professional American Sign Language
interpreter, I am writing to urge the Committee's support of
HB 3231.

During my career, there have been many instances where I have
observed individuals who represent themselves as sign language
interpreters delivering inappropriate, inaccurate and unethical
"interpreting" services in a variety of settings. This common reality
for Oregon's Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing citizens puts
them at risk in every communication interaction where it occurs.

More than 30 other states have addresses this problem through
enacting licensure legislation which has proven to increase the
quality of communication access for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of
Hearing individuals.

For these reasons and many more, I urge the Committee's support
of HB3231, the Oregon Sign Language Interpreter Licensure Bill.

Thank you,



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