

February 12, 2021
Chair, Rep. Tawna Sanchez
House Committee on Behavioral Health
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301
Dear Rep. Sanchez,

I am writing in support of HB 2585 as I seek quality interpreting services for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind. There needs to be the establishment of protocol to target and solve the lack of access for Deaf, HH, DB clients. Also, trained staff who knows how to work with Deaf, HH, DB clients.

I have been out in my local community and seen deaf black men standing in our streets with law enforcement that have no training, no interpreters, no tactical on hands on resources.

Thank you for listening to my testimony, and please vote "yes!" on HB 2585.

Sincerely,
Madalena