



Honorable Senator Floyd Prozanski  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court St., NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Support for SB 575: Juvenile Expunction Reform**

Dear Senator Prozanski and members of the committee,

Washington County Kids supports the passage of Senate Bill 575 (Dembrow, Manning, Lieber) to reform Oregon's juvenile expunction process and break barriers that keep youth from moving forward as they transition into adulthood.

Juvenile records follow youth indefinitely and hinder their ability to become a productive adult, limiting access to housing, employment, school enrollment, college admission, and professional licensure. I have personally seen the difficulty experienced by youth in trying to rebuild their lives and support their families, including their young children, when confronted by these barriers. These collateral consequences cost taxpayers in the form of lost wages and increased justice system expenditures. The burdens created by juvenile court records disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, and low-income youth, who are overrepresented at all stages of the juvenile system and are most heavily burdened by the consequences of juvenile court records.

Youth who have successfully completed accountability and rehabilitative programs should have the opportunity to be productive community members. They should not have to bear the burden of mistakes committed in their youth and repaid, but then following them the rest of their lives. Expunction is necessary to realize that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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