

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

As a resident of the state of Oregon and as one who works in electoral politics I feel it is my duty and my honor to speak up for those whose voices are not heard. With SB571, you have a chance to pass historic legislation right here in Oregon that will end felony disenfranchisement and make Oregon the first state to restore the right to vote for people in prison.

There is so much power you can unleash with this decision to lift up and include the voices and the will of our citizens who have been traditionally and systematically been oppressed, suppressed and disenfranchised.

By restoring prisoners' right to vote, you signal that you care about their lives. You care about healthy communities. You care about Democracy, which you know, only works when we all participate. A true Democracy is a threat to white supremacy.

Uphold your oath to Democracy for ALL and vote to restore the rights of prisoners to vote.

Take the magnanimous step into the future that will strengthen, not diminish our communities.

Thank you,

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