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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation, Good morning Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee. For the record, my name is Hunter Baldridge and I live in Portland, OR.

In regard to Bill 571, I believe it is a crucial step in dismantling barriers to reintegration and dismantling inequitable power structures that exist within these institutions.

Unless these individuals are given the right to vote and participate in the democratic process, they are not able to hold officials accountable, and this perpetuates inequitable power dynamics. The lives of those in prison are dictated by politics and without the power or voice to address their needs their fundamental rights are being infringed upon.

Bill 571 is the perfect place to begin to address the historical injustices that permeate the justice system. By voting yes on Bill 571 you will begin to rectify these wrongs.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Hunter Baldridge