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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation

Measure: SB1510

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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Susan Abrams

Re: Support for Transforming Justice 2022, SB 1510

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Susan Abrams I believe every Oregonian deserves to feel safe and be treated with dignity. But many of us, especially Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color, feel vulnerable and unprotected in our own communities, homes, and workplaces. As an American who is also Jewish, I have actively participated with people of faith to work for many social justice causes. Also, as a Jew I grew up in a Jewish family that strongly supported racial justice and equality.

Transforming Justice 2022 (SB 1510) will address some of the inequities in Oregon's criminal justice system. Unfortunately, Oregon has a long history of racial injustice and SB 1510 is a way to ensure that people who have caused harm are held responsible for that harm, at the same time they will have an opportunity to rebuild their lives after serving their time. It also ensures that crime survivors have the resources they need to heal and invests in culturally specific services for communities of color throughout Oregon.

Please support SB 1510 and enact these critically needed changes that are aligned with Oregonians' vision for a public safety system rooted in racial equity, accountability, healing, and opportunity.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Susan Abrams