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On Behalf Of: Clatsop County Public Safety Coordinating Council
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation
Measure: SB1510

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TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary

FR: Rebecca Read

RE: Support for Transforming Justice 2022, SB 1510

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

My name is Rebecca Read. I am a citizen of Seaside Oregon, a member of the Clatsop County Public Safety Coordinating Council, and a Commissioner on the Sunset Empire Transportation District.

I support SB 1510 because I understand how these objectives can improve the criminal justice system in Oregon.

1. I support an overhaul on rules regarding traffic stops to reduce racial inequity. As a white person I have never felt profiled by the police, but I know that Black and brown people do. This is unfair and puts people at odds with police, increases mistrust, and unnecessarily places people in the criminal justice system.

2. I support measures that improve the success for those completing their parole and probation. I am a family member of a person convicted of a crime in Oregon. Through his experiences I gained insight into the pre-trial process, prison time, completion of parole and probation and the rebuilding of a meaningful life after criminal conviction. There were many aspects of his parole and probation that could have been managed better and were unnecessarily financially burdensome. There is much to be done to make parole and probation a better process in helping people get back on their feet and to becoming assets to their communities.

3. I support investing in innovative ways for our criminal justice system to heal the wounds of the past by increasing fairness in the system. We know that people of color are unfairly and disproportionately represented in the system, and this has many far reaching effects on the lives of families and communities. There are concrete ways to make improvements. We citizens need your help in supporting these measures so

we
can develop a system with higher standards for everyone.

Please support SB 1510 so we can see real change in our criminal justice system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Read