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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation

Measure: SB1510

Dear members of Senate Judiciary,

Please support SB 1510: : Having worked in north Portland as a physician for 35 years, I frequently heard & saw how so many unnecessary interactions between law enforcement and Black and brown Oregonians increased the risks of excessive force and violence in my communities. One way to decrease this is to change how traffic stops are made, so as to limit unnecessary stops, & deescalate subsequent violence. I also saw how long and burdensome parole and probation sentences disrupted a family's life, & prevented parents who had already paid a price for their mistakes from rebuilding their lives and thriving. Getting visited by one's parole officer at work did not help them thrive. These practices disproportionately affected my Black, Indigenous, Latinx patients. SB 1510 -- by eliminating unnecessary barriers for people on parole and probation, can build on people's strengths, not focus on their past mistakes, and promote stable families & their breadwinners.

We must change how public safety dollars are invested. We can't arrest ourselves out of violence. SB 1510 will help communities across Oregon to have better access to the resources they need to feel safe, heal, and rebuild their lives.

Thank you, Dr Virginia Feldman MD FAAP