



**Dan Clay, President Sandy Humphrey, Secretary-Treasurer**

## **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SB 1510 TRANSFORMING JUSTICE**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555  
Re: Support for SB 1510: Transforming Justice 2022  
Date: February 1, 2022

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

We thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1510. UFCW Local 555 is the largest private sector labor union in Oregon, representing workers from a number of industries, including grocery, retail, food processing, manufacturing, and healthcare. We are a diverse group of workers who take pride in acting as a strong collective voice for working people.

Every Oregonian deserves to feel safe and be treated with dignity. But many Oregonians, especially Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color, feel vulnerable and unprotected in our own communities, homes, and workplaces.

Transforming Justice 2022 (SB 1510) will:

- **Reduce racial disparities in traffic stops** by making a broken headlight, taillight, brake light, or license plate light a “secondary offense,” meaning that an officer can issue a citation only if a driver is pulled over for something else.
- **Improve success for people on probation and parole** with a rulemaking process that can prevent, in some instances, parole and probation officers from visiting the people they supervise at work. The rules will also cover when certain people on supervision can report remotely.
- **Create the Justice Reinvestment Equity Program** to fund services that promote racial equity, address racial disparities prevalent in Oregon’s criminal justice system, and reduce prison use.

SB 1510 ensures that people who have caused harm are responsible for that harm, after which they would have an opportunity to rebuild their lives. 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.

Sincerely,

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