

Date: February 3, 2022
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Hollie Oakes-Miller
Re: Support for Transforming Justice 2022, SB 1510

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

My name is Hollie Oakes-Miller and I am a college educator and community organizer who has seen how many of my students and community members are affected by racism and systemic injustices that leave Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color feeling vulnerable and unprotected in our own communities, homes, schools, and workplaces.

SB 1510 will fund services that promote racial equity and address racial disparities. When we invest public safety dollars into our communities, we reduce prison use and recidivism and increase safety.

SB 1510 will ensure that people who have caused harm are responsible for that harm, after which they 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.

Transforming Justice 2022 (SB 1510) will reduce racial disparities in how traffic stops are handled which will reduce the instances where police come in contact with Black and brown community members. This will reduce the risk that these community members are subject to unnecessary traffic stops that often end in violence.

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 and attention.

Sincerely,

Hollie Oakes-Miller
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