

**JANEEN SOLLMAN
STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 15**



OREGON STATE SENATE

February 8, 2022

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1584

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

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for Senate Bill 1584, the Justice for Exonerees Act. Oregon is one of only 13 states that does not compensate wrongfully convicted people, an injustice that needs to be rectified. The travesty of being wrongly convicted and incarcerated puts untold heartache, stress and burden, not only on the exoneree themselves, but on their families, friends and loved ones. Upon release, there are many barriers that exonerees face, including lack of housing, insurance, healthcare and a job. Compensation for this loss is a necessary piece to helping them to restore those parts of their life that were taken from them. This was a personal cause that my dad was compelled to support for many years as he spoke of the injustice done to fellow Americans. The time is now for Oregon to pass this law and help exonerees get back on their feet as quickly as possible. I respectfully urge your support and swift passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeen Sollman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Janeen Sollman
Senate District 15