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I am a member of Astoria AAUW, and an MSW who has practiced in Oregon in various capacities since 1982. One of the reasons I chose my profession is that it would allow me to do many useful and interesting things across a variety of settings. I also chose it because it would allow me to work as an older adult, part time, which I am doing. I'm very fortunate, in that I'm doing this because it's very much needed in the small community in which I live, and I enjoy doing the work. I know other older adults who are making similar much needed contributions. Some older adults are not so fortunate and must continue to work because they need the income.

I am writing in support of House Bill 2800. I strongly believe that older individuals need to have the same tools to address age discrimination as people in other protected classes. Regardless of age, experience, performance and demonstrated work ethic are pluses.

Please vote in favor of HB 2800. Thank you.

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