



305 NE 102nd Ave Suite 100
Portland OR 97220

March 15, 2023

To: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

From: UCP Connections & UCP Mentors Re: Support for HB2869

Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice Chair Nguyen, Vice Chair Scharf and members of the Committee,

My name is Glenna Hayes and I am the Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator for UCP Connections and UCP Mentors. We are an organization that supports people 18 years and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Clackamas County and Multnomah County with case management services to help choose, arrange, and monitor the supports they need to live on their own or in their family homes within the community. I am writing on behalf of UCP Connections & UCP Mentors in support of HB2869.

We support this piece of legislation because we feel it will help us address some of the systemic barriers, outdated language and policies and improve the supports and services aging and disability division provide.

Within this legislation we would like to see some promise to include people who are receiving supports and services through this division, as well as people who provide these supports and services in the study. We need voices from every sector of this division so we can address the issues and prepare for a more sustainable future for those we support.

Sincerely,

Glenna Hayes

Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator of UCP Connections & UCP Mentors