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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: Support SB 579, Guaranteeing the Right to Vote

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Re: Right to Vote

Personnel:

Response to question #1: I have never voted in the past. The reason for not voting in the past is because I was too young to vote at the time.

#2: The Oregon Legislature is a highly respected branch of government and have created good laws, and also did create laws that were not so good, but when notified by societal disinterest, legislation does for the most part - re-evaluate the law, and does everything within its power to either fix or modify the law for the better. This is why I support Oregon Legislative governance.

#3: For too long, I have been restricted from having my voice heard, and because of that, to now be enabled to vote while residing in prison is an absolute required

act of expression to means everything to me.

#4: Voting matters to me because without being enabled to cast a vote for my favorite candidate of choice, leaves me feeling empty inside, and as if I don't matter or qualify to help make a difference in society where I have family. Otherwise, to be prevented from casting my vote is not a healthy feeling.

#5: As an American citizen, it is my civil duty to vote. And just because I am incarcerated does not prevent the high leveled interest that dwells within my heart to vote. So, therefore, it means everything to me to vote right now and forever more.

#6: Agents and members of the legislative branch of government, thank you all for your public service, and so please keep up the execution of good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Demetrius Patrick