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Dear Members, I ask you to please support SB514 for Adult Suicide Prevention wherein we requested an advisory council including membership of at least 20% of people with direct lived experience as mental health consumers, and, putting the position of the Adult Suicide Prevention Coordinator into statute as Oregon embarks on implementation of Oregon's 5 year prevention, intervention, postvention plan addressing suicide for persons ages 18 and above. There is compelling testimony, written and oral, from the public hearing that took place earlier this year on 2/11/2023, suicide prevention day at the Capitol. Available on OLIS at: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Measures/Testimony/SB514>. Old data used to say at least 6 lives are impacted by each loss, but new data says it's much higher. People with lived experience have a lot to bring to the table -- insight into what does and doesn't work, passion to help others not suffer the same struggles, losses, and setbacks, plus ideas for improvement at every level. Thank you very much.