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Testimony of Arthur Towers

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In Regard to HB 2395-A

Before the Senate Committee on Health Care

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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in regard to HB 2395-A.

The goals of HB 2395-A are critical for our state to achieve. We appreciate the effort to increase access to opioid antagonists. We believe incarcerated Oregonians should have access to opioid antagonists if they are overdosing in custody and we are confident the legislature shares that goal.

It is our understanding that the intent of the legislature is to NOT alter the duty of prisons, local correctional facilities, regional correctional facilities, or youth correction facilities to provide health care to Oregonians in custody.