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To whom is my concern It has come to my attention that Oregon is trying to make a law against people with disabilities and charge them with a felony in regards to try and protect our nurses and it just baffles me that Oregon is going to such extreme lengths to ruin the lives of innocent people who have little to no control over their own physical behaviors. As a personal support worker and a child care professional I find it very difficult to understand why people are so quick to make such decisions. I fully understand that the safety of our nurses is important and the work they provide is vital just as it is for police and firefighters who deal with dangerous situations on a daily basis as our doctors and nurses do what they can to save lives and provide services I don't see how punishing individuals with a felony offense is going to do any good to anyone. It could potentially ruin lives and I believe we have bigger issues at hand to be addressed like the safety of our teachers who are being assaulted by teenagers or shot by grade schoolers and our students who are being jumped or stabbed on their way home from school the fact that parents have to worry and question weather or not their child will return home from school safe or even at all. Nurses and doctor take an oath to do no harm and it's my understanding that if this bill passes they no longer care about harming people with disabilities because they think less of them and it's inhumane to fathom that this is how Oregon rather lock them up and throw away the key yet let people do drugs and get away with being violent just because they are able bodied.