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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Senate Housing Committee members,

My name is Ronald Ross, I am a person in long-term recovery who has benefited from residential treatment and recovery housing. I currently supervise a street outreach program where we meet individuals with mental health and addiction problems.

As a person who was homeless and found treatment through the criminal justice system I know first hand how treatment and recovery housing can be alternatives to prison.

In my day job I help people get off the streets. This year 4D was awarded money from the Oregon All In funding. In just 6 weeks we house 40 people, 32 of which went to recovery housing, some in the very same day. Ideally, we would connect people up with detox and treatment at the same time, but sometimes there are waitlist for those services, but the recovery housing providers work with us.

SB 1530 is a great step in ensuring that people who are addicted and homeless have the chance to recover just as I did.

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