

Submitter: Shaylie Pickrell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB938

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Shaylie Pickrell and I live in North Plains, Oregon. I am the Director of Operations and Infrastructure for Restorative Roots Project in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to express my support for restorative justice and for SB 938. It is important to have stable funding and a well- resourced coalition to support this important work. I care about Restorative Justice because...

? Restorative justice provides victims and survivors with a valuable option for healing and accountability.

? Oregon needs more approaches to harm that do not involve incarceration or conviction.

? Restorative justice promotes community, public safety, and healing for survivors of harm.

? There are strong benefits for everyone involved: the survivor, the person responsible for the harm, and the broader community.

? Funding restorative justice through the Criminal Justice Commission has allowed for unprecedented growth of these opportunities around our state.

? Community based alternatives to prosecution are dramatically less expensive than the current system.

? Developing community based alternatives is important for addressing the unrepresented crisis.

? Restorative justice empowers people to acknowledge, take responsibility for and work towards repairing the harm they caused. This leads to true accountability and reduced recidivism.

? As a Restorative Justice Facilitator and Equity Informed Mediator, I have been able to personally see and experience the healing impact of restorative justice.

Thank you for taking the time to receive my testimony and please vote yes on SB 938.

Sincerely,

Shaylie Pickrell