



To: Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

From: LaTanya Gibbs

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RE: Support for SB 5526 POP 109 Personnel Safety

Dear Co-Chairs Campos and Valderrama and members of the committee,

My name is LaTanya Gibbs, and I work as a Human Services Specialist 3 for ODHS out of the Salem office. I am writing in support of ODHS SB 5526 POP 109 and asking you to make additional investments that would improve office and worker safety.

One day at CCBC, there was a partial lockdown. An Oregonian involved with Child Welfare was possibly armed and in the office building. Fortunately, no one was harmed. We need safer buildings and more follow up with staff who are affected by violent actions and events.

Without the investment described in POP 109, office safety will persist as an issue and increase turnover and workplace complaints. Please write SB 5526 POP 109 into the budget to ensure that workers are safe on the job.

Thank you for your time,

LaTanya Gibbs