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I am a person in long-term recovery and a person who has worked in the SUD/Behavioral Health field since 2020. I have been a certified peer support specialist since 2020, and I currently serve as an executive director for a Native peer ran organization. While my work has been primarily with adults, over the course of my career, my experience has been that services for young people under the age of 18 have always been woefully underfunded and in many instances non-existent. Our youth are our future and this bill is putting them where they have never been and that is first. I wish we had youth treatment services and recovery services accessible for adolescents. Oregon already is last for access to treatment in the nation for adults. I'm in full support of this bill because our youth are our future.