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On Behalf Of:  
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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Jack Gray and I live in Noti.

Being a parent of a mentally unwell child that served time I know the value of funding that keeps people out of prison. Our prisons are the most unhealthy, violent, dysfunctional and expensive institutions that we have to correct behaviors. They are anything but correctional institutes. The negative ripple effects from every incarcerated individual are far reaching and impactful. We should do anything we can to keep our citizens out of our prisons.

Community safety is built on access to services that promote accountability, restoration, and healing. That's why I urge you to support the Family Sentencing Alternative Program (FSAP), the Justice Reinvestment Equity Program (JREP), and Measure 110 funding.

FSAP (HB 2555) allows parents to take responsibility while staying with their children — offering supervision, treatment, and stability instead of incarceration and needs a \$2.7 million investment. It also saves the Department of Corrections approximately \$2 million every two years while creating healthier families and safer communities.

JREP (HB 5005) invests in 18 community-led organizations across Oregon to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system, support survivors, and provide reentry, prevention, and diversion programs and needs a \$12 million investment. Justice Reinvestment, originally passed in 2013 has saved the state hundreds of millions in averted prison costs. JREP ensure some of those savings are invested into the communities that need it most.

Measure 110 funds have directed over \$430 million into harm reduction and recovery services, improving access to treatment and recovery across Oregon. These investments save lives and help people achieve stability.

Real safety comes from investing in people not prisons. We deserve programs that humanize, heal, support, and empower people to realize their potential.

Thank you for investing in survivors of crime, people convicted of crime, and the families and communities of both.

Yours truly,  
Jack Gray