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On Behalf Of: SB 1516A  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1516

Dear Chair Bowman and the House Rules Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1516A

Over the past several years, many cities and states have adopted policies that have reduced accountability within the criminal justice system. For example, when individuals—including non-citizens—are arrested for burglary, they may be released on bail and, in many cases, fail to appear for scheduled court appointments. As would be expected, this leads to more crime.

Oregon has an opportunity to correct these policies and consider reforms aimed at strengthening accountability, improving court appearance rates, and enhancing public safety across our communities.

The purpose of SB 1516A is to simply restore a judges' ability to correct a system flaw and ensure people charged with serious and repeat offenses are actually present to face trial.

Please vote for the passage of SB 1516A.