



March 17, 2021

To: Chair Sanchez, Vice-Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Moore-Green, Members of the House Behavioral Health Committee

Re: HB 2086

As co-chair of the Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council (GBHAC) and CEO of Central City Concern, I write to you in support of HB 2086.

HB 2086, puts into statute key recommendations of the Council which will provide authorizing language and funding to increase access to behavioral health services. This measure will improve community restoration for the Aid and Assist population, increase Secure Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTFs), provide medical reimbursement for tribal based practice, and expand young adult in transition residential system by adding three residential treatment homes.

I also support the -1 amendments being drafted to expand the scope of HB 2086 taking language from SB 67 and SB 69 to remove barriers to effective and timely behavioral health treatment for individuals with co-occurring disorders and to expand the range of housing permissible for the Oregon Health Authority to use for individuals with substance use disorders. Additionally, the amendment will offer a repeal of SB 994(2017) in alignment with a recommendation of the Secretary of State Audit in 2020.

Sincerely,

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