

March 1, 2015

Senator Sara Gelsler, Chair
Senate Committee on Health Care and Early Childhood
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Sara Gelsler,

I support the passage of Senate Bill 449. The State of Oregon suffers from a chronic need for provision of access to communication, advocacy, and educational and employment services to Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals. These services would make the lives of this population functionally equivalent to that of the rest of Oregon's citizens. Currently Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals are disadvantaged by structural barriers that SB 449 would begin to remove.

<< PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR PERSONAL STORIES, EXPERIENCE AND WHY YOU THINK
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR LEGISLATURE TO PASS THE SENATE BILL 449 >>

Supporting SB 449 is an opportunity for Oregon's leadership to empower Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing by granting access to the functionally equivalent services that they deserve.

Sincerely,
[Your First and Last Name]
[Your Street Address]
[Your City, State and Zip]

cc: Oregon Association of the Deaf, Inc.
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