LUCETTA ELMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 24



May 23, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak Chief Clerk of the House State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on SB 685

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on Senate Bill 685.

I was a "no" on this bill, because it limits deaf people from being able to receive services. This bill was written for people that are deaf with a physical disability or deaf-blind, but even though an amendment was proposed to leave in the third category for our deaf community, it was denied and they were excluded from this piece of legislation.

Respectfully submitted into the House record.

Sincerely,

Lucetta Elmer

Oregon State Representative

District 24