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To: ODDS Staff and Partners (**Case Management Entities and Providers, please share this message with those who work directly with individuals with I/DD and their families.**)

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: Members needed for Human Rights Commission

Are you a passionate about the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)? Would you like to advocate for their rights and improve the services they receive?

Several board positions on the Human Rights Commission need to be filled. The Commission — a result of [Senate Bill 493](#) — safeguards the dignity and basic human rights of Oregonians with I/DD, gives voice to their needs and serves as an important resource to them.

The Commission's nine members need to represent a diversity of interests and roles in the life of people with I/DD. Positions for the following individuals are open:

- a sibling or nonparent family member of a person with I/DD
- a representative from a disability advocacy organization

If you fit one of these roles, [please apply online](#) by Nov. 15, 2021.

If you know someone who would be a great fit for the Commission, especially the sibling of someone with I/DD, please share this message with them and encourage them to apply.

If you previously applied for a position, you must [reapply via this Workday listing](#) by Nov. 15, 2021.

The Commission meets monthly for a two-hour meeting on third Mondays. These morning meetings are virtual and will continue to be after the pandemic to allow for the geographic diversity of members. The Governor appoints members to two-year terms.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Executive Appointments Manager Shawneen O'Brien-Lee at shawneen.obrien-lee@oregon.gov.

Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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