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The Honorable Representative Dembrow
The Honorable Representative Greenlick
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
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Dear Representatives Dembrow and Greenlick:

I am writing in support of a study of Oregon's health care financing options. Sound health policy needs to be based on comprehensive and reliable information. The knowledge gained from the studies outlined in HB 3260 will contribute greatly to the development of health policy here in Oregon. The Oregon Health Authority stands ready to carry out this important work should the legislation pass.

As you debate and work this bill, there is one minor administrative item I would like to draw your attention to. As currently conceived, HB3260 appears to require the Oregon Health Authority to solicit sufficient funds to do this work. If the legislature is unable to fund the study, I think it more appropriate to allow us to solicit outside funders and to do the study if we obtain the necessary funds, rather than require us to find sufficient outside funds, as I cannot provide assurance that we will be successful in finding the necessary funding.

Sincerely,

Bruce Goldberg, M.D.
Director