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Oregon State House of Representatives  
House Health Care Committee  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2020

Dear Chair Greenlick, Vice Chairs Keny-Guyer and Thompson, and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB2020. PTCN provides Mental/Behavioral Health Services, Therapeutic Foster Care, and Residential 24 hr Treatment Homes for Child Welfare and Developmental Disability Services. We serve children, adolescents, and adults in the Salem Metro and Portland Metro areas.

With the advent of CCO's the complexity of trying to work with over 16 CCO's with many of our clients coming from around the State of Oregon will be virtually impossible. As it currently works—each CCO requires the potential provider to submit credentialing applications that are redundant and in some cases want different things that complicate the application. CCO's have created different criteria and there is no continuity in business practice. As you can imagine this creates gross inefficiencies. The end result is that youth who need the services are unable to access or the delay in service implementation creates a crisis where more costly and long term state resources are used to stabilize the youth.

HB2020 would be a critical part in making our CCO model more cost effective. PTCN does not get compensated at any level for the new inefficiencies of this roll out and would greatly appreciate some practical business sense applied to the implementation of Oregon's new health care model and so would our clients and families.

Changing Lives for Life,

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