



February 14, 2013

Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair
Representative Alisa Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair
Representative Jim Thompson, Vice-Chair
House Health Care Committee
Oregon Legislative Assembly

Re: HB 2134

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

The Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) has 20 member institutions from labor, faith and community organizations. We act in the public arena with sufficient power for justice and the common good. We foster organizational cultures that are Relational, Action-Oriented, and Reflective. We have action teams that focus on health care reform, sustainability, prison reentry and issues related to the Latino community. Our Health Care Action Team is submitting this endorsement of HB 2134.

One of our health care reform objectives is assure equity in the health care system for all people in Oregon. We support the Triple Aim goal of lower costs, better healthcare, and better outcomes is through providing the same high level of health care and human services to all Oregonians. Our work has informed us that some communities have poorer health outcomes than others and that these barriers to health include inaccurate and inconsistent data and a lack of culturally & linguistically appropriate care. Understanding Oregon's changing population and creating a local set of best practices that complies with national standards is a necessary step to removing health disparities in Oregon.

Oregon's health care transformation must provide the health care and services that all Oregonians need. Our systems need to be data-driven to provide more effective and efficient care for all Oregonians. Accurate, consistent and meaningful data collection is a crucial component of this goal, making it possible for providers to refine and improve the quality of care for their patients and clients, while maximizing our limited resources.

Please vote YES on HB 2134 and support our work to have meaningful, consistent, and accurate data collection in health and human services.

Thank you for your consideration,

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