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Central City  
Concern/  
Old Town Clinic

Children's  
Community Clinic

Health Centers of  
University of  
Western States

Mercy & Wisdom  
Community Health  
Clinic

NARA Indian  
Health Clinic

National College of  
Natural Medicine  
Community Clinics

North by Northeast  
Community Health  
Center

OHSU Family  
Medicine at  
Richmond

Oregon College of  
Oriental Medicine

Outside In

PACS Family  
Health Clinic

Rosewood Family  
Health Center

SW Community  
Health Center

The Wallace  
Medical Concern

Senator Monnes-Anderson, Chair  
Senator Kruse, Vice Chair  
Senate Health Care Committee  
Oregon Legislative Assembly

Re: HB 2611

Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson, Vice-Chair Kruse, and Members of the Committee:

Please vote YES on HB 2134 and HB 2611.

The Coalition of Community Health Clinics is a network of fourteen safety net clinics that provide high-quality, culturally appropriate health care to uninsured and underserved people in the Portland-Metro area. We are dedicated to improving health outcomes among vulnerable populations in our community.

CCHC believes the best way to promote 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. Despite our work, we know 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 and 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 has the goal of providing the health care and services that all Oregonians need to be healthy. Our system needs to be targeted and 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. Furthermore, providing and tracking opportunities for cultural competency within continuing education would contribute to better care for all Oregonians.

On behalf of the Coalition of Community Health Clinics, I urge you to support our work to have meaningful, consistent, and accurate data collection in health and human services, and culturally appropriate care for those who need it.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Chase', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sam Chase  
Executive Director