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Chair Mitch Greenlick

House Health Care Committee

Chair Greenlick and House Health Care Committee Members,

During the House Health Care Committee hearing on February 5, committee members inquired about conversations between the Governor's Office and federal officials regarding some of the concepts in HB 4154.

Both the Governor's Office and Cover Oregon staff have begun conversations with federal officials about potential options that would continue to enroll Oregonians in affordable, quality health care. Some of the options discussed include those proposed in HB 4154. We believe it is critical that federal officials see support from our legislature as we continue those conversations. As such, we appreciate legislative action to show our shared goals of connecting all Oregonians with quality, affordable health care. To date, we have not received any formal permissions from the federal government. We will communicate with the committee when any decisions have been made.

We continue to be encouraged with enrolling over 225,000 Oregonians in health care coverage. Thank you for your commitment to partner with us as we explore additional options with federal officials.

Sincerely,

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Sean Kolmer

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