



February 17, 2014

ATTN: House Committee on Health Care

Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of our 1,800 members in Oregon, The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is proud to support SB 1577. NASW is the largest and most recognized membership organization of professional social workers in the world. As defined in our code of ethics, the primary mission of a social worker is to enhance human wellbeing and to ensure that basic human needs are provided to every member of our community, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.

After reviewing the language encompassed in SB 1577, the NASW Legislative Committee has concluded that the bill takes important action to protect some of the most vulnerable members of our community. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

Caleb Hayes

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