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The Honorable Mitch Greenlick
Chair, House Committee on Health Care
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2541, Blood drive staffing

Dear Representative Greenlick and members of the committee:

Providence Health & Services operates eight acute care hospitals throughout the state of Oregon. Access to a dependable blood supply is essential to providing life saving care to our patients. Blood drives, held daily in communities across our state, ensure a safe and adequate supply of blood – as blood is not a product that can be manufactured.

The Food and Drug Administration strictly regulates the blood donation process. These regulations ensure the safety of both the blood donors and future recipients. Providence strongly supports these safety protocols to ensure the products we provide to our patients are not harmful.

House Bill 2541 establishes new Oregon-specific staffing requirements for blood drives. Creating additional hurdles for a process that is already heavily regulated and relies on volunteerism and donations, raises concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on House Bill 2541.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Frisco". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Nancy Frisco
Administrator, Regional Laboratories
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