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Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair  
House Committee on Health Care

Chairman Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for your time today to hear testimony on HCR 14, designating March 26 as Epilepsy Awareness Day or "Purple Day." I appreciate your consideration on this important health care topic.

It is estimated that over 37,000 people in Oregon are living with epilepsy. Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological disorders. In the United States, it is estimated that 10% of people will have an epileptic seizure in their lifetime and over 2 million of the US population is diagnosed with active epilepsy. Most people with epilepsy are able to lead normal and productive lives with appropriate care. You will hear from some of those people and their families today about the need to raise awareness of epilepsy.

HCR 14 is a simple resolution but an important statement to bring attention to the need to advocate for the rights, humane treatment and access to care for individuals with epilepsy and the need to raise awareness among us all so that we may better understand this disease and continue the search for a cure.

I invite you to join me in supporting HCR 14, proclaiming March 26 as Purple Day.

Warmly,

Jackie Winters  
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