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Chair Greenlick, Vice Chairs Hayden & Nosse,  
Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: HB 2468

Good afternoon;

For the record, my name is BJ Cavnor and I serve as the executive director for One in Four Chronic Health, Oregon's health care collaborative.

I wanted to compliment Commissioner Cali and her staff for their work on HB 2468. For many of the stakeholders involved in this effort, it seemed as if we would not be able to find agreement on the services to be covered by insurers. Although we were not able to include the antidiscrimination provisions, contained in the LC draft in the final bill, we as patient advocates are grateful to be invited to participate in this process.

The work that Commissioner Cali, and her staff do in educating and engaging the community is greatly appreciated, as evidenced by her recent participation in the Oregon Patient Advocacy Leadership Summit in Portland last month. She was a hit with attendees.

Even though outright discrimination against people with specific health conditions is now illegal, we are still concerned with the impediments to care and drugs.

Other concerns include:

- Continued work in the areas of cultural competency
- Network adequacy standards
- Improved access and a definition of "unreasonable delay"
- A formulary inclusive of all drugs patients require, with actual cost of a 30 day supply, not a percentage estimate.
- A simple process for patient appeal of a drug or procedure.

We look forward to the continued opportunities that insurance coverage will provide all Oregonians, and to working with DCBS and insurance providers to reach our common goals of improved health, lower cost of care and improved patient experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. If you have any questions, please contact me at 206/601-8453 or via email, [BJ@1-in-4.org](mailto:BJ@1-in-4.org).

Sincerely,

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