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

RE: House Bill 2395, Medicaid funding package

Dear Representative Greenlick and members of the committee:

Providence Health & Services remains a dedicated partner in ensuring that all Oregonians, regardless of socioeconomic status, have access to health care services across the continuum. We are proud of Oregon's health care transformation work and want to see that the gains made over the last five years are sustained. We hope you'll join us in support of the Medicaid funding package, including HB 2395.

In 2004 the hospital assessment was adopted as a temporary measure to protect access to the Oregon Health Plan for 60,000 members. Since that time the tax has been increased and extended three times, supporting the state's ability to cover over 859,000 lives today.

Our senior ministry and clinical leaders, myself included, are active participants on six coordinated care organization boards and countless CCO work groups across the state. The investment in establishing these new partnerships has been immense, but we've come a long way together. We are managing a complex population with diverse needs in a comprehensive way. This is meaningful work that's making a difference in the lives of Oregon's most vulnerable citizens and shaping the future of health care delivery for everyone.

Providence appreciates your consideration and the opportunity to provide input on HB 2395.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Underriner".

Dave Underriner  
Chief Executive  
Providence Health & Services - Oregon