



**March 13, 2015**

**Representative Mitch Greenlich, Chair  
House Committee on Healthcare**

**Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:**

**My name is Bob Pung and I am a member of the Elders in Action Commission.**

**The Elders in Action Commission is a senior advocacy council that advises the City of Portland, Multnomah County and Multnomah County Aging, Disabilities and Veterans Services on issues affecting older adults in Multnomah County. As such, we support affordable, high quality health care, housing, nutrition and transportation services for older adults and adults with disabilities.**

**The Elders in Action Commission supports the passage of HB 2937, modifying the rules for determining the type and extent of medical equipment paid for by the state medical assistance program for people with physical or developmental disabilities. This bill will allow low income individuals who are**

**reliant on wheelchairs and scooters for their mobility to acquire higher quality equipment that provides them with flexibility and independence.**

**My wife, Maureen and I both rely solely on wheelchairs for our mobility. Without this equipment we cannot get around. We remain very active in our community and in the Elders in Action Commission – but without high quality equipment at a reasonable price we would be home-bound. If our choice of wheel chairs was limited to equipment made for “in home use only” we would be unable to travel to and from the MAX station or attend meetings that require us to travel some distances along sidewalks. These are our only form of mobility and they need to be made well and able to function outside our homes.**

**We urge you to pass this important piece of legislation. Thanks you.**