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Honourable Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care  
Distinguished Committee Members  
900 Court St. NE, S-413  
Salem, Oregon 97301

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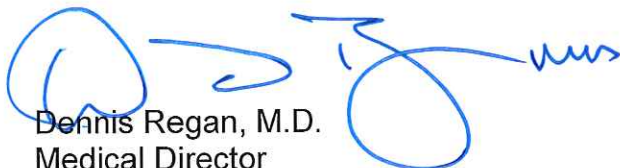
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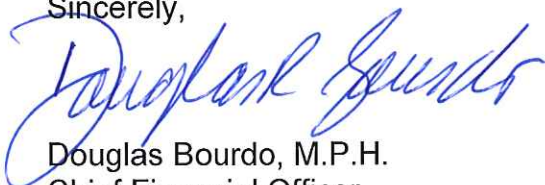
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