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Building a healthier community.

March 30, 2015

TO: Chair Barnhart and Members of the House Revenue Committee

CC: Representative Gallegos, Representative McLain

Dear Chair Barnhart and Members of the House Revenue Committee,

I write to you today to request your opposition to House Bill 3034, which is in front of your committee on March 31st.

HB 3034 is deeply flawed legislation which would have extreme consequences on the operations and mission of Tuality Healthcare. Tuality Healthcare provides services to Western Washington County to the Oregon Coast. The bill would enact a charity care minimum of 15% of gross revenue in exchange for an exemption from property taxation. Tuality Healthcare has Gross Revenues of about 160 Million. 15% would be 24 Million. Currently Tuality Healthcare's bottom line the last three years has ranges from a loss of 2 million to a gain of 3 million. Basically we are operating at a "break-even" level. Obviously 24 Million is not feasible to maintain operations.

We believe in our charitable mission, including providing charity care, however, with the drop in uninsured Oregonians due to the Affordable Care Act, our analysis shows there simply are not enough uninsured Oregonians in our community to achieve such a level even if it was financially feasible.

Our hospital takes pride in our community benefit activities, which are broader than just charity care and runs from community health fairs to charity care and beyond. In 2013, our hospital contributed over \$34 million in community benefit. Those are direct and measurable contributions to the health of our community. We estimate the property tax savings by being tax exempt amounts to about \$900 thousand per year. Were HB 3034 to become law, those activities and our existence would be in severe jeopardy.

Furthermore, the property taxes collected by counties would go to activities outside the realm of community health, and counties would be under no obligation to use funds to improve the health of their communities. We believe in our mission and the health of our community, and we view any attempt to redirect that spending as a threat to the mission of a healthier Oregon.

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Again, I urge you to oppose HB 3034.

Very Truly Yours,

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