



Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon, I would like to register our support for SB 523. This bill will increase insurer transparency by requiring qualified health plans to notify providers of patients' insurance coverage status during the 90-day grace period.

SB 523 will prevent the cost of medical services to be shifted to patients who have had insurance policies cancelled retroactively following the grace period. Notification to providers will also help in reducing gaps in patients' health care coverage and incentivize patients to reinstate coverage in qualified health plans.

Please join us in passing this bill which provides key protection for both physicians and patients.

Sincerely,

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