

April 6, 2015

Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon Legislative Assembly

Re: HB 2605

Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

As we testified at the public hearing on February 27, OSPIRG has been involved with Oregon's health insurance rate review process for some time, and we initially had some serious concerns about the placeholder language in the bill. However, our concerns have been resolved in the -3 amendments.

We have deeply appreciated our ongoing discussions of these issues with the Oregon Insurance Division, Oregon's Health CO-OP, and other stakeholders, and Rep. Nosse's leadership in bringing stakeholders together to find a solution that is acceptable to all parties.

Should the committee choose to pass HB 2605 with the -3 amendments, we will work closely with the Insurance Division to implement the bill in a way that ensures that the health insurance rate review process continues to build greater transparency and accountability for insurers, and continues to deliver results for Oregon families and small businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

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