

April 29, 2015

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Senate Committee on Health Care
Oregon Legislative Assembly

Re: HB 2605

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

As you know, OSPIRG has been involved with Oregon's health insurance rate review process for some time, and we had some serious concerns about the language in the initial version of House Bill 2605. However, our concerns have been resolved in the A-Engrossed version of the bill.

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 2605A, 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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