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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dana Bjarnason and I am a registered nurse in the State of Oregon, currently serving as a chief nursing officer in Portland. I am writing to you in support of SB 72 which adds a \$9 license surcharge to support the Oregon Center for Nursing.

Since the publication of the Institute of Medicine Future of Nursing report in 2010, I have served on two regional action coalitions, one in Texas and the Oregon Action Coalition in Oregon. I have firsthand knowledge of the work that must be accomplished in order to create the kind of change we need in healthcare. One of the recommendations of the report is improved collection and analysis of nursing workforce data in order to more accurately plan for meeting the health needs of our citizens.

This modest surcharge will provide a reliable source of funding to the Oregon Center for Nursing, allowing them to meet the critical need for nursing workforce data in our state.

I would sincerely appreciate your support of this important bill.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Bjarnason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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