

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson & Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2638 relating to prescription drugs before the Senate Health Care Cmte convenes tomorrow to debate the bill's proposed amendments.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) maintains its support of the -1 amendments and opposes the -2 & -3. ACS CAN believes that the -1 amendment is the safer alternative for Oregonians who rely on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO's) for medication.

A six month moratorium on newly approved FDA drugs risks keeping cancer patients from the treatment that gives them the best chance at beating their disease. Patients living with cancer often risk having their medications lose clinical usefulness over time. For these patients, new drugs, often those newly approved, offer a lifeline. For some these drugs allow maintenance of their current health, and for others these drugs prevent the advancement of disease and death.

In closing, please support the -1 amendments. Oppose the -2 and -3 amendments.

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