

FROM THE DESK OF
REPRESENTATIVE
MITCH GREENLICK



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ONAA Urges Your "YES" Vote on SB 454 B

The Oregon Nurses Association urges your "YES" vote on SB 454 B. Too many working Oregonians do not have sick days. This almost certainly ensures that workers without sick days will choose to go to work when they are ill or send their children to school ill. When workers go to work sick, not only do they delay their own treatment and recovery, they also put their co-workers—who likely do not have sick days, either—and members of the public at risk of being exposed to and infected by contagious illnesses, such as the flu. Without access to sick time low-wage workers are forced to choose between paying their rent or working while sick. SB 454 B will help ensure more workers are able to take time off work to recover when they or a family member are ill.

Allowing workers to earn sick days on the job also supports Oregon's efforts to transform our health care system. Oregon's nurses understand the importance of Oregon's health system transformation efforts and just how much is at risk if we are not successful in crafting a system that provides quality care for more patients. If workers do not have time to access the primary and preventive care they need to stay healthy, their treatable illnesses will likely worsen, becoming increasingly expensive and posing long-term health risks. Oregon needs to implement policies, like earned sick days, to support the national and statewide healthcare reform efforts and promote good public health.

ONAA urges your support of SB 454 B.

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