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To: Chair Devlin, Chair Rayfield and Members of the Committee

Re: Proposition 301 Testimony

As a retired Family Physician I have had the good fortune to be able to provide healthcare to people and families of people most in need. In my private practice 20% of my patients were on OHP. My son is on OHP because of his disability. For 20 years I have had the honor and pleasure to serve families who have no other way, if not for OHP and Medicaid, to get needed health care. When HB 2391 was passed many of my friends and former patients were much relieved to know that they would be able to continue to get appropriate healthcare.

Proposition 301 jeopardizes the healthcare for 375,000. Many of these people are among the most vulnerable of Oregonians from a health perspective. **The Ballot Title will be misleading if it disguises or otherwise does not inform voters of the LOSS of health coverage that 301 will bring to so many Oregonians if the Healthcare Protection Bill is repealed. Voters deserve to know explicitly that they are at risk of losing their healthcare if the repeal of the provider tax is successful.**

Thank you for your time and service to all of the people of Oregon. Please be certain that the ballot title for 301 is not misleading to Oregonians.

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