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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to submit testimony on R301. This ballot title completely ignores the human impact of the referendum. Without the state funds and billions of dollars in federal money that the assessment secures, the health care of hundreds of thousands of Oregonians will be in jeopardy. This referendum will mean heartbreaking cuts to care for Oregonians across the state if HB 2391 is repealed.

Not only will this referendum mean cuts to care for our most vulnerable populations, it will also mean at least a 6 percent increase in premiums for more than 200,000 Oregonians who purchase insurance individually. This should be included in the title of HB 2391. Voters deserve to know that Oregonians risk losing their healthcare and paying higher premiums if they vote to repeal House Bill 2391.

The health of hundreds of thousands of Oregonians is at risk with Referendum 301. Voters are entitled to know that information.

Please do the right thing for Oregonians and provide the most accurate information on the ballot title.

Sincerely,

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