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Senate Committee on Health Care

Public Testimony of Caring Ambassadors Program
In Favor of SB 272

The Caring Ambassadors Program (CAP) is a national, nonprofit, advocacy organization based in Oregon City, Oregon. We are in favor of Senate Bill 272, relating to insurance coverage of prescription drugs.

SB 272 provides transparency for all Oregonians when purchasing one of the most important items in their life, their health insurance. As an employer in Oregon that pays 100% of the premium for my employees, transparency is critical. We need to know that we are purchasing the appropriate insurance for our employees.

Caring Ambassadors focuses on people with chronic or life-threatening diseases and specialize in Lung Cancer and hepatitis C. I receive weekly calls from people living with hepatitis C on the Oregon health plan that are being denied treatment. Some of these are outside of the P & T guidelines but many are not, they are people living with advanced fibrosis or cirrhosis being denied care. This changes from CCO to CCO and without regard for medical necessity. We also hear from people paying for private insurance that the condition may be covered but the drugs are only for a select few.

Would you purchase a car without knowing what type of fuel it required to run?

SB 272 provides straightforward transparency which is good for all Oregonians. Please pass this important legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. CAP greatly appreciates the work you and state agencies are doing to make the State of Oregon the best place to live in the United States.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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