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Laura Jenson, CNM, MPH, MS, CPH Chair, Legislative and Advocacy Committee Chair Mitch Greenlick and the House Committee on Health Care 900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 2387

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Committee on Health Care,

I would like to submit a letter of support for HB 2387 on behalf of the Oregon Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

We recognize that prescription drug prices are among the fastest-growing costs in our health care system. As a result, patients are paying more for their prescriptions, Oregon companies are paying more for their employees' health care plans and our local and state governments are facing increasingly difficult decisions around which benefits must be cut to balance their budgets.

HB 2387 will help to protect consumers and patients from sudden, large price increases, will help payers have more predictable pricing so that long-term budgets regarding health care are more sustainable and will develop more transparent drug pricing. We believe that HB 2387 is important for the health and well-being of all Oregonians and that this and similar bills will be crucial in developing long-term solutions for our crumbling health care system. We stand with associations such as Health Care for All Oregon in supporting not only HB 2387 but also the vision of universal health care for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

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