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The Honorable Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
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The Honorable Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear President Courtney and Speaker Kotek:

I write to you today in opposition to HB 2387 which ignores and misconstrues key issues relating to drug costs, would impose burdensome and unnecessary requirements, and could ultimately hamper the development of lifesaving cures.

My husband and I are small business owners and proud parents of two, one of whom is living Type 1 Diabetes, so this is a personal issue for me.

Believe me, I understand the need for addressing the issue of prescription drug costs, however, HB 2387 has major flaws that could impede on my ability to get the best possible treatments and may hamper development of a cure which is the great hope of every parent of a child who has been diagnosed with a chronic disease.

Running a nursery and raising two girls is no easy feat and the diabetes is an added burden. My 11 year old daughter requires constant blood sugar tests throughout the day and night so sound sleep is a thing of the past. The costs associated with the disease are not insignificant, but we are also very aware that the drivers of treatment costs are complex and many.

By reducing drug costs to individual data points, HB 2387 fails to recognize or provide context for the complex issue of prescription drug costs, which are based not simply on manufacturers' costs but on market forces, broader assessments of value, and negotiations between manufacturers and payers with which these disclosures could interfere.

As a family that has invested in hope in the development of better treatments that can I improve the life of our daughter, we are very concerned that this bill could chill innovation here in state and impact the availability of new treatments in Oregon.

There are significant systemic savings to be had with the development of new medicines and treatments that decreases physician visits and hospital time. There would be significant individual savings for families like mine as well. A treatment development that reduces time

spent in the doctor's office and the hospital will improve our family budget and improve the quality of life for my daughter.

We all agree that high healthcare costs need to be addressed, but this type of legislation, which is not patient-centered and stands to impede scientific and medical innovation, is simply not the answer. I ask you to protect the development of lifesaving cures that can help my daughter by rejecting this misguided legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be a resource to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Bailey". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Angela Bailey

cc: The Honorable Ginny Burdick
The Honorable Jennifer Williamson
Senate Committee on Health Care Members
House Committee on Health Care Members