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House Health Care Committee

RE: Testimony on House Bill 2882

Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee,

For the record my name is Jo Bell, and I am testifying today on behalf of Capitol Dental Care. (CDC is a dental care organization that provides care to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) beneficiaries. Capitol Dental Care is contracted with fourteen of the sixteen coordinated care organizations (CCOs) across the state.

Capitol Dental Care supports HB 2882 conceptually. However, we do not support the bill with the current language.

- It is our opinion that a dental care organization (DCO) just due to size of membership should not be guaranteed to fill a board position. DCOs with a minority percentage of members should not be disenfranchised from an opportunity to serve.
- Capitol Dental Care favors a collaborative approach among the dental plans in putting forth a DCO board candidate to represent us as a group.
- CCOs should have be allowed some freedom to follow their standard practices for vetting candidates to ensure quality board representation.

We do not support prescriptive legislation language that mandates to a CCO which DCO must be on the board. In essence this would remove the CCOs and other DCOs from this important selection process.

While we are not in support of the bill with the current language for the above reasons, we would be happy to work with the Committee, Advantage Dental (as the requestor) and the other interested parties to develop some amendment language that supports the overall concept of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.