

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Dear Mitch Greenlick, Representative

Forcing public employees onto a CCO healthcare plan would limit our ability to choose a doctor that works for us.

Many public employees have chosen to stay in the Statewide PPO plan because we have long-standing relationships with our healthcare providers. By forcing us to switch you will be damaging the quality of care we receive.

Eliminating the Statwide PPO plan would damage the state's ability to compete with the private sector for highly qualitifed candidates, which in turn will jeopardize our ability to do the work that the taxpayers expect us to do.

Public employees are not overcompensated. In fact, we only earn 88% of the salaries in the private sector. Our total compensation, including healthcare and retirement plans, is 98% of what private sector employees earn.

We work hard and do the jobs that keep the state of Oregon running. Please do not balance the budget on our backs.

Sincerely,

Francis Hartigan