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The Honorable Mitch Greenlick  
Chairman, House Committee on Health Care  
Oregon House of Representatives  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Ref: House Bill 2834-3 Amendment

Chair Greenlick, Members of the Health Care Committee:

Thank you for considering the -3 amendment to HB 2834. I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to you for your important work. I am not an expert of health care, nor likely to become one. However, as an advocate for veterans I know including veterans at or below 300% of the poverty level into the programs outlined by HB 2834 would be a helpful step in the right direction.

Of the nearly 340,000 veterans living throughout Oregon, less than 100,000 receive VA benefits and health care. This suggests that a significant number of these heroes receive medical care from other sources – or not at all. Our recent efforts to expand outreach and services for veterans are beginning to make inroads; we have much more work to do. In the meantime, this proposal (included with the -3 amendment) will help provide lifechanging services for the men and women we sent into harm's way on our behalf.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Please let me know if there are any questions I may be able to answer or additional information needed for your decision.

Respectfully,

Paul L. Evans  
State Representative