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The Honorable Paul Holvey
Chair, Capital Construction Subcommittee
Joint Ways & Means Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB 5530, Lottery bond authorization

Dear Representative Holvey and members of the committee:

Providence Health & Services would like to express our strong support for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail project and the request for lottery bonds.

Everyday hundreds of Providence caregivers, as well as patients, use public transit to get to work, medical appointments, school and other activities. With many of our Portland area hospitals, clinics and office building located in close proximity to bus stops and light rail, Providence is a strong proponent of using public transportation – as both a matter of convenience and environmental stewardship.

One of the last corridors in the Portland metropolitan region to be served by light rail is the southwest corridor from Wilsonville to Portland. Congestion continues to grow in this part of our region and is expected to double in the next 20 years. This congestion is a hardship for many people trying to get in and out of the city, and raises safety concerns in terms of timely access to our facilities.

Providence hopes you will join us in support of the Southwest Corridor Light Rail project, it is a wise investment and a much needed addition to the TriMet transit system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Underriner".

Dave Underriner
Chief executive
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