
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

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Chair Greenlick, Co-Chairs, and Members of the Committee:

As the state's leading political voice for reproductive healthcare, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon is proud to be a part of the Fair Shot for All and Oregon Health Equity Alliance coalitions, which are making important advancements to ensure that all women and families in Oregon have access to the healthcare they need in order to succeed.

At Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, we know that every child deserves a healthy start in life. Health insurance coverage is one of the single most effective ways to ensure that children receive the preventive health and medical care they need to thrive in school and life. Unfortunately in Oregon, 2 percent of low-income children still do not have any medical coverage even if income eligible. These uninsured children must delay care, or go without essential doctor visits and medications.

That is why we are writing to thank you for your consideration of Cover All Kids- HB 2726 to extend the Oregon Health Plan to all children residing in Oregon up to 300 percent of the federal poverty line. This extension will ensure that all children have access to the culturally competent health care services they need to be successful in school and in life.

Our state is stronger when every woman and child in Oregon has access to timely, preventive care and the opportunity to grow up healthy. Access to health coverage results in lower high school dropout rates and an increase in college attendance and completion. HB 2726 ensures that all children come into class healthy and ready to learn.

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon supports HB 2726 because we believe every child should have the right to grow up healthy. We hope that you will join us in support of Cover All Kids- HB 2726.

Sincerely,



Mary Nolan
Executive Director
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon