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Chair Greenlick, Vice Chairs Hayden and Nosse, and Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

I write today on behalf of the Lane County Medical Society in support of House Bill 4133.

We should not tolerate one maternal death. Every significant maternal adverse outcome should require a full investigation to determine not just the immediate cause, but the root cause and factors that led to the outcome. Adopting an attitude that an adverse outcome should always be investigated to its root cause reduced central line infections in many hospitals by 75%. Yet, during a similar period of time, maternal mortality in the US more than doubled. To show we care about mothers, we need to adopt the same zero tolerance approach.

Social determinants of health should receive special attention. We need greater information about what can be done to avoid the need for advanced medical interventions, and what factors impede access to them when the need cannot be prevented. Ideally, the results of this study may inform more effective spending in human services or social determinants of health in the future. I encourage you to pass HB 4133.

Sincerely,



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