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Dear Chair Greenlick, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

We, Latino Network, are writing to express our strong support for HB 4133 - creating a Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee (MMRC) within the Oregon Health Authority to study and review maternal death and morbidity cases in Oregon. We believe this legislation is the right step toward understanding the intersectional reasons that lead to people dying from pregnancy-related complications, while also providing recommendations and protocols for policymakers, providers, and healthcare facilities on how to prevent future deaths and make pregnancies safer in Oregon.

Latino Network is a culturally specific service provider and advocacy organization that primarily serves the Latino community. Latino Network's mission is to positively transform the lives of Latino youth, families, and communities. Our work springs from the core belief in Latino community self-determination—that is, the ability of community members to participate meaningfully in the decisions that affect their lives and the lives of their families. Latino Network serves Multnomah and Washington Counties with school-based and community services ranging from early childhood education, arts and culture, health and wellness, family stability, to civic engagement. We work to reduce racial, ethnic and health disparities by addressing socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism, and inequity in access to services. Improving knowledge of the different causes behind maternal mortality and morbidity will create healthier environments for all communities. We also believe that providing clear recommendations that recognize the unique needs of diverse cultural communities should be a top priority.

Latino Network hopes you will join us in our efforts to improve equity in Oregon by supporting HB 4133.

Sincerely,

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