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Chair Monnes Anderson,
Members
Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support of HB 4104

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

One in Four Chronic Health supports HB 4104, *Modifies requirements for health benefit plan coverage of hearing requirement.*

The testimony submitted by our colleagues at Disability Rights Oregon and Oregon Academy of Audiology best explain where the hearing services (and assistive technology) are either lacking or not compliant with the Federal requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

We believe that by expanding health plan coverage of hearing loss treatment and services HB 4104 will have a profound and lasting impact on children with hearing loss.

Supporting children with the assistance and devices they require helps remove barriers and allows them the opportunity to learn, engage and participate fully in their education and their lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJ Cavnor", with a flourish at the end.

BJ Cavnor
Executive Director