

My name is Patie Taylor and I live in the community of Marion, Oregon. I am the parent of a young adult who experiences disability and am very concerned about the type of healthcare she could receive during this pandemic.

I ask that Legislative Concept 52 be passed into law this Special Session so that Oregonians, such as my daughter, experiencing disability can access healthcare, use support from people they trust while they are hospitalized, and have support when making end of life decisions.

While we have not been denied access to healthcare, denied support in the hospital, or been asked to sign documents about end of life because of being admitted to the hospital, the entire family has been discussing possible scenarios and taking extra precautions to avoid the need for hospitalization. Knowing this has happened with other families has increased the stress in our family.

I would like to express my thanks to the Committee for considering this important issue!

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