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I'm writing to express my strong support for Legislative Concept 52 which mandates hospitals allow support people to patients who have disabilities as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and consistent with the order recently released by US Health and Human Services and current Oregon Health Authority guidelines. It is critical these individuals receive the support they need to understand and fully participate in their own health care. I am a Developmental Pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics at OHSU. Working with these families and individuals has been my career and my great pleasure.

Please support passage of Legislative Concept 52 this Special Session so that Oregonians experiencing disability can access healthcare, use support from people they trust while they are hospitalized and have support when making end of life decisions.

Thanks very much for addressing this important issues. These individuals and families are depending on you.

Sincerely,

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