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Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

Re: House Bill 5011

I am writing in support of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) 2019-2021 budget. As a member of the Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand the work DCBS undertakes to provide fair access to health care, education and services that make a difference for Oregonians every day. Through transparency, education, support and proactive engagement of stakeholders, the Marketplace team is dedicated to serving the needs of all Oregonians.

The Marketplace serves Oregonians by providing a range of qualified health plans (QHPs) to help individuals and families find:

- The right coverage
- Pathways to access subsidies that help pay for premiums and out-of-pocket costs
- Information to help consumers learn about health care coverage
- Consumer assistance through an outreach center, field staff, trained and certified agents and community partner organizations

The Marketplace staff models responsible management in pursuit of its mission to provide Oregonians access to high-quality health care to improve their lives. Specifically, the Marketplace:

- Ensures education and services are provided across the state
- Seeks input from all kinds of stakeholders
- Adheres to sound governance by reliance on the Advisory Committee
- Collaborates with federal and state agencies (i.e. CMS and OHA)
- Demonstrates fiscal acumen and responsible use of resources
- Adapts to ever-changing and evolving policies related to health insurance

House Bill 5011 is a responsible budget that will allow the Marketplace to continue its work through 2021 to engage Oregonians in the management of their health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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