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Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Thomsen, and members of the committee:

My name is Marianne Monson. I'm an adjunct instructor at Clatsop Community College. Until two years ago, I was teaching at Portland Community College, where I had full benefits and health care coverage. In 2017, I moved to Astoria, a city I love, and took a job at CCC for a substantial reduction in my pay and loss of all benefits. In fact, last year I qualified for the Oregon Health Plan because of the reduction in my salary. My eligibility will expire in April and I am currently shopping for new plans. Thankfully, I also got married last year and I have the option to be covered through my husband's medical coverage, but for the last twelve years when I was a single mother, the lack of benefits would have made it incredibly difficult to make ends meet.

Part-time instructors already lack job stability in so many different ways. Over my twelve years teaching in the Oregon Community College system, I have seen my colleagues put in tireless hours with very little security in return. Washington state offers part-time instructors health insurance. I strongly believe Oregon should do the same.

I urge you to support SB 852.

Thank you,

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