Oregon Network of
Child Abuse
Intervention
Centers

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The Honorable Senator Steiner Hayward
The Honorable Senator Hansell
The Honorable Representative Schouten
The Honorable Representative Stark
Senate Committee on Health Care, Members

Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers
1827 NE 44th Ave., Suite 220
Portland, OR 97213

RE: Senate Bill 526

Dear Chair Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Senator Dennis Linthicum, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers is a collaborative network of 21 centers dedicated to ensuring quality, comprehensive services for all of Oregon's children who have concerns of abuse and/or neglect. Our focus includes preventing abuse from occurring and providing on-site and/or partner provided therapeutic healing services. The heart of our work is guided by our vision of an Oregon where children and youth grow up healthy and safe.

We believe Senate Bill 526 provides an opportunity to move our state closer to accomplishing this vision. Many home visiting programs and curricula have demonstrated evidence of their effectiveness nationally and locally, and we do not anticipate this program to be any different. We strongly support evaluating services that show promise of supporting nurturing, positive parenting, and preventing child abuse. It will take all of us working together to accomplish this great feat! We urge your "yes" vote.

Sincerely

Becky Jones
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