

Hello Chair Representative Andrea Salinas and Committee Members-

My name is Arcin David. I am a COFA citizen from the island of Kapingmarangi. I am here to speak to you about House Bill 2706, the COFA dental bill. The bill would provide dental coverage to COFA citizens who live in Oregon and receive health care coverage under the COFA Premium Assistance Program.

I am a recipient of the COFA premium assistance program. Without the program, I would not have been able to see a doctor. While the program has provided me with medical coverage, it does not include dental. Dental coverage is important to me.

It has been hard for me to be able to pay for dental coverage as it is very expensive. I have had to have some dental work done and had to pay cash for these services. As a fulltime student I struggle with being able to financially afford to go to the dentist. I feel having regular cleanings would help me be able to have healthy teeth.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I strongly urge you to pass HB 2706 to include dental premium assistance for COFA citizens who live in Oregon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arcin David". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.