



# NEIGHBORS FOR KIDS

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Oregon State Legislature  
House Committee on Health Care  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

**Re: House Bill 3076 – Community Benefit**

Chair Andrea Salinas and Members of the House Health Care Committee:

This letter is being written on behalf of Neighbors For Kids (NFK), a non-profit organization based out of Depoe Bay, Oregon. Our organization helps to improve health in the Lincoln County region by providing out-of-school-time programs, in which we partner with Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital. It is our understanding that House Bill 3076 would jeopardize the strong community partnership we have had for many years and because of this we are in opposition of the proposed changes to community benefit as envisioned in HB 3076.

Since 1999, NFK has provided the Kids Zone After School and Summer Program for youth residing on the central coast, and in 2018 launched the Little Kids Zone Preschool and Early Childhood Education program for ages 3-5. The board and staff believe strongly in providing all children a safe, productive place to learn and be cared for while their parents are at work.

NFK is a grant recipient from Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital Social Accountability Fund, which has supported the health, well-being and nutritional needs of hundreds of children. We are proud to partner with the local hospital's community benefit funding in order to carry out our mission of supporting families in Lincoln County during out-of-school-time hours by providing quality after school and summer programs to pre-school and school-aged children in a safe, affordable, fun learning environment.

NFK stands with our hospital partners and asks you to please oppose HB 3076, enabling hospitals to engage in a collaborative policy process focused on driving health outcomes.

We appreciate you hearing input from our rural coastal non-profit. Feel free reach out if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Toby J. Winn  
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