



April 10, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Nathanson, Chair
House Committee on Revenue

RE: Support for HB 2270

Dear Chair Nathanson and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of Moda Health to encourage your support for **HB 2270**.

We share the Governor's and the Legislature's convictions that, "All Oregonians must have quality, affordable health care, regardless of who they are or where they live." To that end, we strive to deliver on the triple aim of helping ensure the delivery of better care, better health and lower costs for over 300,000 Oregonians, including Medicaid members in the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization.

There are important reasons to support **HB 2270**. First, this legislation will generate \$346 million dollars per biennia for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). OHP provides health care for nearly 1 million Oregonians, as well as important investments in programs to address prevention and cessation of tobacco and nicotine. Second, this revenue will provide funds currently budgeted for the medical coverage of low-income individuals and families on the OHP. And, help stabilize long-term health insurance costs while supporting tobacco cessation and prevention programs through a \$2.00 per pack increase in the cost of cigarettes. The revenue formula even includes a tax on e-cigarettes.

For those reasons we urge you to support **HB 2270**.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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