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The Honorable Andrea Salinas
Chair, House Health Care Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Joint Resolution 202 – HOPE amendment

Dear Representative Salinas and members of the committee:

Providence Health & Services believes health is a human right and envisions a health delivery system that is available, affordable and accessible to everyone, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

Our support for HJR 202 is an expression of this commitment to the common good, both at the bedside and through efforts to remove causes of oppression.

As a state and a nation, we have made great strides over the past decade to ensure access to health care for all, but there remain opportunities to build upon our success by continuing to broaden access in sustainable ways. Including an aspirational statement in the Oregon Constitution that states, "It is the obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right" will ensure Oregon continues to promote opportunities to advance health for a better world. Providence looks forward to working with policymakers to see this vision through, until every Oregonian has health care coverage.

Finally, thank you to Representative Mitch Greenlick for being an incredible, forward thinking leader and continuing to challenge us to do better. Providence is grateful for his efforts and proud to lend our support to HJR 202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Vance", written over a white background.

Lisa Vance

Chief Executive, Oregon Region
Providence Health & Services