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The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson
Chair, Senate Health Care Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Joint Resolution 202 – HOPE amendment

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson 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 that reads "Lisa Vance". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Lisa Vance
Chief Executive, Oregon Region
Providence Health & Services