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Subject: Support for SB 1606: Access to Care for Oregonians with Disabilities
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Hello,

My name is Julie Chick and I am from Nehalem, Oregon.

I am asking that SB 1606 pass this Special Session so that Oregonians experiencing disability can access healthcare, use support from people they trust while they are hospitalized and have support when making end of life decisions.

This is an emergency and is directly related to the COVID-19 crisis. These changes cannot wait until next year because people with disabilities are experiencing these barriers to health care today.

My son experiences Down syndrome in Tillamook County. If he were admitted to the hospital he would absolutely need support from someone he knows and trusts. These are not “visitors” but the same supports he requires to live his best life **in his community**. He should never experience being in the hospital or asked to sign any papers without his support of choice.

Thank you,

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