

Hello. My name is Peggy Ochoa. I live in Beaverton, Oregon.

I believe everyone deserves access to healthcare and support from people they trust to help them understand their care and communicate with doctors. Today, too many people experiencing disability are not able to access healthcare, are denied support from people they trust while they are hospitalized or having end of life discussions.

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.

I have a grandson with Autism and we are very concerned that without SB 1606 he might not have support people with him at the hospital or that he might be asked to sign documents without the support people he needs.

Thank you.

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