

December 13, 2022

Bridge Plan Task Force Members

RE: 12/13/22 Joint Task Force on the Bridge Health Care Program Meeting 900 Court Street NE, Room 453 Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Bridge Plan Task Force:

United States of Care wants to thank the Bridge Plan Task Force (BPTF) for working tirelessly since April to bring more affordable and dependable coverage to Oregonians. We appreciate the thought, time, analysis, and dedication that went into each of the many important decisions made by members of the Task Force. Given the BPTF's compressed timeline, we especially appreciate the BPTF's robust stakeholder engagement process that took public comments, such as ours, into account in the Bridge Plan design. Once fully implemented, the Bridge Plan will be a critical lifeline to many Oregonians and it will be a reality, in part, because of the tireless work of BPTF members, including Co-Chairs Senator Steiner and Representative Prusak.

The BPTF's innovative approach will be a model other states will watch and learn from as they, too, work to ensure their residents have access to high-quality, affordable health care. We look forward to continuing to engage with partners on the ground in Oregon to support successful implementation of the Bridge Plan and advocate for even more Oregonians to have affordable health care in the future.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kelsey Wulfkuhle at kwulfkuhle@usofcare.org or Eric Waskowicz at ewaskowicz@usofcare.org.

Sincerely,

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