



March 2, 2021

Co-Chairs Lieber & Nosse

We come to you today to ask that you support a Policy Option Package in the Governor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2023. This POP would provide an additional \$7.8 million investment in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) to fund the Community Partners & Outreach Program Outreach and Enrollment Program (CPOP). The funding would expand the ability of Oregon Latino Health Coalition (OLHC) and the 10 other community-based non-profits all around Oregon in doing this critical work in providing health services navigation as well as continuing to improve language access to OHP.

CPOP has proven critical in helping improve the quality of navigating an exceedingly complex system. It has been key in helping enroll marginalized communities onto the Oregon Health Plan and into Oregon's innovative Cover All Kids program. CPOP has not only helped us increase enrollment for the state, but strengthened OHP's relationships with the community as well. Especially during a pandemic, continuing our work targeting this population, who are disproportionately represented within the ranks of the newly defined "essential workers," is critical

OLHC envisions an Oregon where all have equitable opportunities and resources, leading to optimal health. CPOP supports the health of our communities by acting as a bridge between a complex health care system and communities in need.

OLHC delivers enrollment and system navigation services to the newly eligible immigrant and undocumented population. This program is vital to our vulnerable communities as they face immigration fears, confusion about eligibility, as well as language barriers. As a trusted-community based organization, we serve as the most effective strategy to improve access to care and advance health equity.

We hope that you will join us in support of this vital investment in Oregon's vulnerable communities. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

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Olivia Quiroz
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