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OREGON STATE SENATE

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House Committee On Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Greetings, Chair Prusak, Vice Chair Hayden and Salinas, and Committee members,

I'm Senator Bill Hansell representing Senate District 29, which includes Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and parts of Wasco Counties. Thank you for accepting my written testimony in favor of House Bill 2517. I am a proud co-chief sponsor of HB 2517 this session.

This bill is important to me because of a close friend of mine, City Councilman Scot Fairley.

Scott passed away suddenly while vacationing in Mexico. He was diagnosed with an aneurism and passed away while waiting for his insurance prior authorization for doctors to operate on him to save his life. Mr. Fairley's death is a tragic example why this bill is needed as a starting point. No one's life should hang in the balance while waiting for prior authorization that could take an unspecified amount of time. For me, I'm calling this legislation the "Scott Fairley Memorial Bill" in memory of my friend. I urge you to support this bill. While I know this legislation is too late for Scott, I believe it will pave the way to ensure other families do not go through this grief.

In addition, I have included my letter to the Fairley Family that was read at his memorial service into the record.

Thank you for your time.

I urge the committee to support HB 2517.

Respectfully Submitted

Senator Bill Hansell

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Hansell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

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