



March 16, 2021

Rep. Rachel Prusak, Chair
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 2164 - Cover All People

Dear Chair Prusak and Committee Members,

I am writing to you today to ask for your support of **HB 2164 - Cover All People**.

My name is Jim Francesconi, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, for Moda Health.

Moda, along with many other health plans and hospital systems, were strong supporters of the Cover All Kids legislation which passed in 2017. Moda now proudly supports *Cover All People*, which would provide health care coverage to medically underserved people including undocumented adults, DACA recipients, legal permanent residents and young adults who age out of Cover All Kids and who are under 138% (190% for pregnant women) of the poverty level.

Cover All People would ensure that recipients receive preventative healthcare which would thereby work to reduce healthcare costs borne by taxpayers by extending authority to cover a critical population that now often must resort to emergency rooms. Increased access to healthcare offered by this bill will result both in improved health care outcomes and stronger, healthier communities.

As you know, Farmworkers, Latinos, Communities of Color and low wage workers support many of our rural and urban economies. And studies show that expanded healthcare access helps these workers to maintain employment, to reduce debt, and to be more productive in the workplace.

We hope you will support **HB 2164 - Cover All People** and support these workers and families who do so much to support us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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