House Committee on Human Services 900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Leif, Vice-Chair Ruiz, and Members of the Committee,

As a mother, a grandmother, and a teacher, I support HB 2348.

Because it is clear that plant-based foods are better for all our health, it makes sense that hospitals and long-term care facilities should offer these healthy options. HB 2348 ensures that plant-based options will be on the menu. This is important because people who are recovering from illness or injury might not have the energy or capacity to ask for plant-based options if they're not on the menu.

Some might call this bill redundant, arguing that these facilities already provide plant-based options on request. But there's a big difference between on-request and on-demand, especially when you're in the hospital.

For this reason, I urge you to support HB 2348.

Sincerely, Robin Havenick