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Senator Patterson, Chair
Senator Knopp, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee Members on Health Care

RE: Full Support for SB 741

As a highly involved participant in the health care landscape of our region and community, Central Oregon Independent Practice Association is in full support of SB 741. As a neutral party, the Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) plays a vital role as a collaborator across varying industries in which community partnerships are created for the improvement of the population especially those that are most vulnerable.

The COHC has been a great steward over the funds appropriated to them for the improvement of quality, experience, and the lowering of costs. As health care providers continue to transition from volume to value, it is important to have a community partner that is focused on regional health improvement and resource management.

The COHC has proven itself as an integral part of the community and continues to be a shining star in the Coordinated Care Organization model across the state of Oregon. We highly recommend the authorization of this legislation and the removal of the sunset provision.

Respectfully,

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