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House Committee on Health Care Oregon State Legislature 900 Court St., NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Letter of Support for HB4083

Dear Chair Prusak, Vice-Chair Hayden, Vice-Chair Salinas and Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer Health Share's support for HB4083. Health Share is a Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) serving approximately 400,000 Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. We support HB4083 because it promotes the integration of physical and behavioral health across all populations and codifies much of the work that Health Share, and other CCOs, are already doing to enhance access to physical and behavioral health services for OHP members.

Health Share recognizes that enhanced access to behavioral health and primary care services are critical to the wellbeing of our members. We believe that this bill will bring increased attention on the need to coordinate behavioral health and physical health in a manner that will minimize gaps in the health care system. As a CCO, we are committed to advancing policies that help ensure there is "no wrong door" for members seeking any service covered under the Oregon Health Plan.

Health Share believes in a vision for integrated health care and already carries out many of the obligations pertaining to CCOs in this bill. It is work we already do to ensure our members receive appropriate care, support and resources. We appreciate the opportunity to highlight this work by supporting HB4083. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Yoni Kahn-Jochnowitz, Director of Public Policy, at <u>kahn-jochnowitzy@healthshareoregon.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Yoni Kahn-Jochnowitz Director of Public Policy and Communications Health Share of Oregon