

February 4, 2022

House Health Care Committee

RE: Support of HB 4101

Chair Prusak, Vice Chairs Hayden and Salinas, and Members of the Committee,

For the record my name is Dr. Manu Chaudhry. I am the President and Dental Director for Capitol Dental Care (CDC). We are a Dental Care Organization (DCO) that provides care to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) beneficiaries, through contracts with Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) across the state. Also, I am an OHP Medicaid provider and provide dental services to Oregonians.

Capitol Dental Care is writing in strong support of HB 4101, which increases current protections from secondhand smoke.

As a Dental Care Organization (DCO), we are committed not only to providing quality oral health care, but also to supporting and implementing policies and activities that improve the overall health and quality of life for all Oregonians. Expanding Oregon's current policy for no-smoking buffer zones from 10 feet to 25 feet is an important public health policy that provides increased protection from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke exposure.

We appreciate the work of the bill's sponsors as well as the opportunity to join with others to support HB 4101.

Thank you.