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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2927

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Re: HB2927 STATEWIDE STEERING COMMITTEE ON SICKLE CELL DISEASE

Dear House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

I am Dr. Michael Vanderlind, an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Oregon Health & Science University who helps care for patients living with sickle cell disease. I am testifying in support of HB2927. Sickle cell disease is a complex disease that requires lifelong coordinated care from numerous aspects of the community and health care system. It primarily affects people of color, namely Black people and Hispanics in Oregon. Given past health care inequities and racism, our patients deserve the basic coordinated care and education that this bill proposes. Please read this editorial published in 2020 in the New England Journal of Medicine for more information (<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2022125>) and consider voting in favor of this important bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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