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The Honorable Rob Nosse  
Chair, House Health Care Committee  
State Capital  
Salem, Oregon

Re: HB 3298 - Oregon Perinatal Collaborative (OPC)

Dear Representative Nosse and members of the committee,

Providence is Oregon's largest provider of obstetric services, roughly one in five babies are born in a Providence facility each year. Our physicians, nurses and other health care professionals support the unique need of each family by providing comprehensive, integrated care designed for parents, newborns and children. An important part of providing the highest-quality programs for Oregon families and children are transformative partnerships, like the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative (OPC).

First convened in 2010, the collaborative was began as a partnership between the March of Dimes and several Portland area hospitals to implement the "Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait" initiative. The success of this project received national attention, and evolved over the last 13 years. Today, the collaborative has representation from hospitals across Oregon. Some of our successful projects include:

- With Healthshare of Oregon developed the family well being assessment to screen for domestic violence, mental health issues, and the social determinates of health
- Increasing awareness of Syphilis and advocating for enhanced screening during pregnancy
- With OHA developed guidelines for management of Substance Use Disorder during pregnancy
- With Healthshare of Oregon developed family well being assessment
- Advocating for appropriate reduction in opioid prescribing during pregnancy and postpartum
- Promoting the Maternal Mortality Review Committee Bill
- Establishing the West Coast Maternal Data Center improve data sharing and outcomes
- Hosting the annual Oregon Perinatal Collaborative Summit

The OPC's work was initially supported by the March of Dime and then a five year CDC implementation grant. That funding is ending. In order to ensure Oregon is able to make progress toward lowering maternal mortality and implementing meaningful equity initiatives, we need the collaborative's proven track record to achieve meaningful change. Please join us in support of House Bill 3298.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Tomlinson".

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