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On Behalf Of:
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Madam Chair, committee members

I am Roger Garvin and I am speaking in favor of Senate Bill 490. As a Family physician educator, and on behalf of the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians, I am asking you to support the \$5 million dollar funding request in SB 490, funding to support the Oregon Residency Collaborative Alliance for Family Medicine, or ORCA-FM. ORCA-FM is a network organized by the OAFP among Oregon's nine family medicine residency sites to provide curriculum development, marketing and faculty development, peer-to-peer support and networking opportunities for faculty, program directors, and residents.

Oregon's physician workforce crisis is ongoing. In 2020, Oregon was 43rd in the country in the number of primary care physicians in training per population. 33% of our family physicians are over age 60. The best projections we have are that Oregon needs 1,174 more physicians by 2030 to offset retirements of our aging workforce, and better match unmet need. More than 2 million Oregonians live in communities with inadequate access to health care.

Family physicians are a great match for Oregon's needs. Oregon trains family medicine residents in Corvallis, Hillsboro, Hood River, Klamath Falls, Newport, Portland, and Roseburg and next year, a new site will welcome residents in Madras. Our best data tells us that more than half of residents stay in the state where they train; making sure they have an excellent education will help make Oregon an even more attractive place to stay and practice.

Please provide state funding, in Senate Bill 490, to support ORCA to help recruit excellent candidates to our state.

Thank you.