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Support of HB 4033, Nursing Facility Provider Assessment

I am Dr. Jim Davis, representing the Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens and United Seniors of Oregon, state affiliates of the National Council on Aging. We want to express our strong support for HB 4033 and the extension of the long term care provider assessment for an additional 6 years through 2032; one of multiple extensions with strong bi-partisan support since the establishment of the assessment in 2003.

The assessment has been a tremendous success, leveraging more than \$2.6 billion of state and federal dollars into Oregon's nationally-acclaimed senior and disability services system, enabling critically needed long term care nursing facility support services. As a senior and disability advocate for 5 decades, I have watched Oregon build a senior and disability service system that is considered a national model for in-home and community-based long term care, providing the most independent living environment for seniors and persons with disabilities through "continuum of care" options, including nursing care when needed. This Provider Assessment allows for a much needed investment in nursing facilities, ensuring more accessible, affordable and quality care, including higher staffing levels, for the most frail within our senior and disability populations.

We urge strong legislative support for the continuation of this critical provider assessment that bring tens of millions of dollars biennially to Oregon's long term care nursing facilities. Please support HB 4033.