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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB4139

I wholeheartedly support House Bill 4139, which removes the requirement for mental health and addiction clinics to obtain a Certificate of Need from the Oregon Health Administration. Seven years ago, a hospital project in Wilsonville was halted due to this requirement, depriving veterans and civilians of much-needed mental healthcare and addiction treatment.

This bill is crucial, especially considering the staggering statistic that 100 Oregonians die of drug overdoses each month. Additionally, Oregon ranks last in mental health support and has one of the highest needs for these services nationwide.

By removing barriers to establishing mental health and addiction clinics, HB 4139 addresses our state's urgent healthcare needs. I urge your support for this bill to ensure that Oregonians have access to vital mental health and addiction services.