

Thank you for the opportunity to make a statement.

A support fully funding the 2025 Medicaid budget, as it provides much needed healthcare for so many low and moderate income Oregonians.

Medicaid has been a Lifeline for me personally for the past 6 years, after a genetic condition led to my becoming disabled and no longer to able to work full time at the age of 50.

Losing my career and my health insurance was a blow already.

Losing the ability to manage my disabling health condition would have been unthinkable.

The Bridge program is vital to preventative care and the overall health of our population.

As someone who had fallen between the cracks at different times of my life this would have been a lifesaver. I would like it to continue to be a lifesaver for others to ensure people do not experience gaps in their healthcare as they are working to improve their lives.

I also hope that there will be expanded access to mental health coverage, particularly medication management that provides greater provider choice for Medicaid recipients.