

Dear Co-Chair Sen. Campos and Rep. Valderrama and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in strong support for fully funding for the Oregon Health Plan.

I am a homecare worker and had been working with my client since 2015, when my client suddenly passed away in 2023. Prior to her passing I was on marketplace insurance through Carewell. After two months of not working, I lost my insurance, and the Oregon Health Plan was my only option. I was in a car accident in 2022, where I suffered a concussion among other injuries that caused me to have a vestibular imbalance and become disabled. I have been in physical therapy ever since then.

Without OHP, I would not be able to continue with physical therapy and my prescription medications. I would be unable to work as a care provider and probably would become a client myself. Which would have put a bigger financial burden on the system.

Oregon Health Plan is an essential safety net for uninsured and under insured Oregonians. Many who are just like me, hard workers providing services and care to our most vulnerable populations. Please fully fund the Oregon Health Plan.

Sincerely,

Cristal DeJarnac