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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2010

Dear Members of the Legislature,

I urge you to pass HB 2010 and protect Medicaid in Oregon. My partner relies on Medicaid to manage her complex medical conditions, which prevent her from working full-time or accessing private insurance. While effective treatments exist, her ability to receive them depends entirely on our state's Medicaid system. Any threat to that system directly threatens our stability, well-being, and quality of life.

Last year, due to an insurance transition, my partner went without critical treatments for several months. During this time—and for many months after—I watched her endure debilitating pain and impairment. She wasn't suffering because treatments didn't exist; she was suffering because bureaucracy prevented her from accessing them. Even once she resumed treatment, it took nearly a year to regain the baseline level of health she had before the interruption.

No Oregonian should have to suffer needlessly due to red tape or lapses in care. You have the power to prevent this. By passing HB 2010, you are not just protecting millions of Oregonians who rely on Medicaid—you are supporting their families, communities, and the broader economic and social fabric of our state. Please take action to ensure that access to life-sustaining care is never compromised.

We are counting on you. Thank you for your leadership and for supporting HB 2010.