



## The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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Senate Committee on Health Care  
Senators Patterson, Hayden and Committee Members

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Health and Wellness, I am writing to support Senate Bill 835 which will allow collection, storage and use of data on tribal affiliation.

For several years, our Tribe has requested the Oregon Health Authority to provide our individual Tribal member data to us for statistical collection, population health planning, disease registries, and program planning.

Senate Bill 835 supports all nine federally recognized Indian tribes of Oregon being allowed to have access to their own data, with a data sharing agreement that protects the rights of each tribe to govern the collection, storage and use of each tribe's data. This access creates a new pathway for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to better care and plan for our Tribal members.

Senate Bill 835 does not diminish tribal sovereignty and does provide an option to Tribe's that do not want to participate in the REALDT collection. We are assured the data collected is protected and confidentially stored.

If you need additional information or comments, please contact me at [Kelly.rowe@grandrond.org](mailto:Kelly.rowe@grandrond.org) or (503) 879-2075.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Rowe".

Kelly Rowe  
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