



**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF  
COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS  
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**

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

**RE: Support for SB 835**

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians ("CTCLUSI" or "Tribe") in support of Senate Bill 835. This bill will allow the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon 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.

Access to this information is essential to allow the Tribe to engage in statistical collection, population health planning, disease registries, and program planning. The collection of this data for the purposes of improving health in our Tribal communities is essential to our mission of protecting Tribal health and welfare.

Thanks for your consideration of this letter and we appreciate your leadership in passing this important bill.

Respectfully,

Brad Kneaper  
Chair, Tribal Council  
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians