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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
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Senator Kate Lieber and Representative Tawna Sanchez and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I'm a resident of Corvallis, Oregon. I cannot attend the Roadshow because I will be traveling. I'm writing in support of SB 530 and SB 528. The expansion of the Regional Health Equity Coalitions and the increase in funds allocated to match inflation are both so important to the health and well being of our communities. Please support the inclusion of these bills as part of the budget bill 5006. These proven programs are seeking a small increase in funds to continue and expand the positive work they have been doing. As a staff member of one of the Regional Health Equity Coalitions (the Linn Benton Lincoln Health Equity Alliance) I can attest to the impact the Regional Health Equity Coalitions have on folks who are disconnected to the health networks in their communities. I know there are many programs to fund and some shortages to overcome. Still it's important to note that these dollars are well spent because they reduce costly impacts to our communities in the long run and they improve the health of generations to come. Thank you for supporting the expansion of the Regional Health Equity Coalitions and to increase awards to these coalitions to match inflation.

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