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I am writing in support of ongoing funding for the Essential Worker Healthcare Trust through SB 27 and SB 283. Here is my story, I had breast cancer in 2018, I dealt with terrible health insurance in that time period. I had high deductibles; it was hard to manage paying out of pocket. I'm thankful I had the insurance I did; I paid about 15,000 out of pocket. Which is a lot for me. When I got in the healthcare trust life was more manageable with lower deductible & low to no cost for medications. That money I'm saving on health insurance, is going towards food, gas, living expenses. With such a high cost of living, I'm able to afford more with the affordable healthcare trust. The Healthcare Trust is a life saver. The format under the Healthcare Trust has worked very well compared to conventional medical insurance. Since 2021, the EWHT has provided nearly 6,000 people like me with health coverage for ourselves and our families, please fund EWHT. -Samantha Anderson, CNA, Cottage Grove Post Acute Care