



To: Chair Representative Nosse and members of the health care committee

Re: Support HB 4127

Date: February 3rd, 2026

Latino Network was founded in 1996 by advocates for the needs of the growing Latinx community in Multnomah County. Since then, these grassroots beginnings have evolved into a continuum of services that support Latinx individuals, families, and communities. Our programs currently focus on education, advocacy & leadership, health & wellness, economic justice, youth empowerment & violence prevention, and arts & culture, engaging nearly 11,000 community members throughout Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties in the last year. We are the leading culturally-specific provider for Latinx youth, parent, and family services in the Portland area with the goal of serving the nearly 19% of Oregon's population who identify as Latinx or Hispanic.

Latino Network currently provides direct services to youth and families in Senate Districts 13-15 and 19-25 and House Districts 25, 26, 28, 29, 37, 40 and 42-50.

At Latino Network, we know that reproductive care is more than just a health service—it's a lifeline, a right, and a deeply personal part of our community's well-being. For many in the Latinx community, accessing care like annual pap smears, birth control, or abortion services has historically been difficult. We cannot risk decreasing the access to these health care services.

That's why we are writing to express our strong support for HB 4127. Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider for many Oregonians. They have provided over 3,700 cervical cancer screenings and more than 3,200 breast cancer exams—preventative care that helps detect cancer early. I want to emphasize that Latina women in the U.S. are at higher risk for breast cancer, the most common cancer and leading cause of cancer death for this population.

A community member shared with us: *“My aunt died from breast cancer at the age of 30, and another aunt died from ovarian cancer. Both were diagnosed at late stages, in part because they delayed visits to the doctor out of fear they would be turned away due to lack of health insurance and documentation status.”* Too often, we think, *“if only it had been detected earlier, it could have been prevented.”* But now, we have the opportunity to act—and we must.

As barriers to accessing health services increase due to changes in eligibility, services, payments and insurance coverage, because of HR 1, people will turn to clinics they know and trust to receive the care they need. It is vital that these providers are supported and funded so they can continue offering life-saving screenings and care. Ensuring that trusted providers like Planned Parenthood can continue their vital work is essential to protecting the health and well-being of our communities.



Please vote yes on HB 4127 in protecting reproductive health care access in Oregon.

Best,
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