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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4127
Chair Representative Nosse, Vice-Chair Representative Diehl, Vice-Chair Representative Nelson, and members of the House Committee on Health Care:

I am a retired Licensed Psychologist and mental health and addiction programs administrator, and a former clinician and supervisor for Planned Parenthood of Kalamazoo County (Michigan). I am testifying in full support of HB 4127.

One of the most wonderful parts of being an Oregonian is the fierce independence of our citizenry, and our willingness to “do it ourselves” if we are abandoned by those we trusted with our federal tax dollars. Once U.S. H.R.1 last year blocked patients with Medicaid from receiving care at health centers and prohibited Planned Parenthood and other non-profit healthcare providers from receiving Medicaid reimbursement dollars for the care they provided, our legislators, officials, and providers took action to salvage as many services as possible for those affected.

Representative Ben Bowman convened a workgroup of legislators, the Oregon Health Authority, and Planned Parenthood Action Oregon which quickly put together a very good funding band aid to keep delivering the most necessary healthcare services, and our legislators used their authority to support Oregon’s independence.

Now we are asking you to again use that same reasoning, values, and steadfastness to fund HB 4127 and ensure that a basic level of healthcare services will continue being delivered to Oregonians by our citizens who have intended their taxes to be used in this way. Our cohesion will carry us through to a better day when again our values will be supported at the federal level and not jeopardized.

Please vote YES on HB 4127.

Thank you.

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