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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4107

Dear Members of the House Committee on Healthcare,

I am writing to express strong support for HB 4107. In recent years, urgent care centers have expanded rapidly across Oregon, playing an increasingly significant role in our healthcare system as a bridge between primary care clinics and hospital emergency departments. While these facilities provide important and often convenient services, their growth has outpaced consistent standards of oversight, transparency, and accountability.

As a result, too many patients lack clear information about who is treating them, what level of training those providers have, or whether the facility meets basic safety and quality benchmarks. This uncertainty is particularly concerning given that people often seek urgent care at stressful moments when they are ill, injured, or otherwise vulnerable.

HB 4107 offers a practical and balanced solution. It does not limit access to care; rather, it establishes reasonable, common-sense standards to ensure that all urgent care centers operate with appropriate safeguards and professionalism. These measures will help protect patients while preserving the important role urgent care plays in expanding access to timely medical services.

For these reasons, I urge your support of HB 4107 to strengthen accountability, improve transparency, and better protect Oregonians who rely on urgent care.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments, and for your dedicated service to Oregon.

Sincerely,
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