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Laurie Monnes-Anderson
Senate Health Committee
900 Court St. NE
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Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson and Health Care Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB 2024 and to encourage your vote in favor of this bill as it comes before you on May 20.

As a school district, we know that students need to be healthy when they arrive at our schools to learn. The dental health of a student helps them focus and increases attendance.

In our district, we provide dental care to many families through our partnerships with social service agencies and health care providers. We are committed to a community-wide shared systemic approach with our social service allies to address the needs of our families.

This bill has the ability to reduce barriers to dental access for our community members most at risk. Many community members in need of dental care desire preventive services to be brought to their community, and to be delivered with cultural competence by providers who have the historic trust of members in the community. This bill encourages such an approach to delivery of care.

We encourage you to vote in support of HB 2024 when it comes before the committee on May 20.

If you have any questions about this bill or about our work across North Clackamas to help each child to be fully ready when they enter school, please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

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