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Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair Members of the House Committee on Health Care

Re: Legacy Support of HB 2726

Legacy Health is a major nonprofit health care provider serving Oregon and Southwest Washington with seven hospitals and over 119 clinics. Legacy treats more than half a million outpatients annually and admits more than 56,000 people each year to our facilities.

HB 2726 would extend Oregon Medicaid coverage to all children under 19 years of age whose family income is at or below 300 percent of federal poverty level.

Ensuring all Oregonians have access to quality health care is the foundation of Oregon's transformation work. Additionally, this legislation is a significant step toward addressing health disparities within racial and ethnic communities and providing all children an equal opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

Washington has provided coverage for all its children for two decades and California recently passed legislation to do the same. It's time for Oregon to as well.

Legacy urges your support of HB 2726 to provide health care coverage for all Oregon Children.

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Executive Officer