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The Honorable Andrea Salinas
Chair, House Health Care Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Re: HB 3273 – Support for drug take back

Dear Representative Salinas and members of the committee,

On behalf of Providence Health & Services, thank you for the opportunity to share our support for House Bill 3273.

Providence Health & Services is committed to keeping families and communities safe by getting rid of unused medication in a responsible manner – especially prescription pain relievers. To support this effort, Providence has partnered with the Oregon Coalition for Responsible Use of Meds and Lines for Life to install collection kiosks at our pharmacy ministries across Oregon.

These kiosks serve the community by:

- Ensuring medications don't find their way into the hands of children;
- Lessening the amount of drugs that contaminate our water by being put down the drain or thrown in the trash; and
- Reducing the amount of prescription pills in circulation and contributing to abuse behaviors

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue; we hope you'll join Providence in support of House Bill 3273.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Adamson".

Jessica Adamson
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Providence Health & Services