

Dear Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson,

As an Oregon voter and Registered Dietitian, I am writing to urge you to vote yes on HB 3342-A. This important bill will improve the health of patients and prisoners by requiring that hospitals, long-term health care facilities, and prisons make plant-based meals available giving them options to make healthier choices.

Plant-based food can help prevent obesity, type 2 diabetes, and heart disease. That's why both the American Medical Association and the American College of Cardiology have called on U.S. hospitals to improve the health of patients, staff, and visitors by providing plant-based meals. California's legislature passed a similar bill last year, and the New York State Assembly has recently done the same.

For the health of all Oregonians, please do what you can to support passage of HB 3342-A.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sareena Oncea, RDN, CDE