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The Honorable Rachel Prusak  
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Dear Representative Prusak:

We thank you and members of the House Committee on Health Care for the opportunity to connect on HB 2517. As independent, community-based providers, we have a devotion to delivering quality and timely care to our patients. With four advanced imaging centers in Oregon, along with partnerships and electronic connectivity to dozens of hospitals, physicians and specialists, Epic Imaging is dedicated to providing the best imaging experience possible for our patients. We provide our patients and referring clinicians with a wide variety of diagnostic services to meet their needs — including MRI, high-field open MRI, CT, mammography, ultrasound and X-ray.

We are supportive of HB 2517 as it looks to modernize the state's utilization management laws and would reduce the administrative burden on clinicians while improving patient care. If an adverse determination is made on a prior authorization request, this legislation would require at least one clinician in the same or similar specialty as the provider who prescribed the treatment to be a reviewer during an independent review organizations review. This ensures that clinicians with similar medical expertise are reviewing sometimes very specialized cases.

Additionally, this legislation will make health insurers' determination process more transparent by requiring insurers to disclose written determination rules and report the number of approved prior authorizations, denials, and other critical information to better guide consumers and policy makers. This information will be required to be posted publicly on their website.

Thank you for your time and opportunity to discuss this legislation.

Sincerely yours,

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