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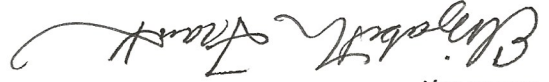
Dear Senate Healthcare Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Frank and I am a Patient Navigator for Providence Rehabilitation Services. I am one of two Rehab Patient Navigators for Providence that support the tri-county area in Oregon. I am writing to you regarding Senate Bill 700 and asking you to support this important legislation in establishing a state wide brain injury service coordinator and resource facilitator.

As a Patient Navigator for Providence Rehabilitation Services I help patients facilitate meaningful connections to resources in our community, and navigate the complex medical system. This position was developed due to the significant needs that our patients face following illness or injury. By addressing their most basic needs, our patients have better recovery outcomes. Patients with brain injuries are at far greater risk of 'falling through the cracks' without a high level of care coordination and resource facilitation. Our patients with brain injuries experience physical, cognitive, sensory, behavioral, and psychological challenges that impair their ability to access needed services and supports. A statewide brain injury service coordinator and resource facilitator would provide a safety net to ensure the right care at the right time, as well as provide a vital bridge to working within complex medical systems, state and federal programs, and community organizations.

Thank you for your commitment to those impacted by brain injury who depend on our community and systems of care to support their needs. Please stand with us in support of Senate Bill 700.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Frank

