

Chair Prusak, Vice Chairs Hayden and Salinas and Members of the Committee,

COVID-19 has only highlighted and worsened health disparities within our communities of color. Our undocumented community especially faces unique barriers and it is within your power to ensure they have health access.

The lack of health insurance for undocumented immigrants creates an economic burden for undocumented immigrants and their families. It also creates barriers to health coverage and perpetuates inequitable systems. We need investments like those made in HB 3352 to counteract these historic systems or inequity.

Our undocumented community are part of your neighborhood, they are your constituents, they are your colleagues, your kids play with kids whose parents are undocumented. Caring for all members of the community shouldn't be a radical act. This bill would give more Oregonians an opportunity to live a healthy life which everyone benefits from.

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