

Senate Health Care Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 705. My name is Monica Giamellaro and I am a Physician Assistant (PA-C) living and working in Deschutes County. I have provided Urgent Care and/or Emergency medicine for the past 14 years.

This bill has been proposed to add two additional seats for Physician Assistants (PAs) to the Oregon Medical Board. Currently one PA sits on the board and we are asking for a total of 3 PAs to sit on the board.

There are 14 seats on the Oregon Medical Board and only one seat is allocated to PAs. This makes it difficult to have appropriate representation at the table for matters pertaining to Physician Assistants.

There are 18,700 MDs and DOs on the board represented by 9 seats. There are 2543 PAs represented by 1 seat. The remainder of the seats are held by Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, Acupuncturists and members of the public.

We are simply asking to increase our representation at the table while leaving the other parties with their current number of seats.

Sincerely,  
Monica Giamellaro