

Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, and Rayfield, Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Carolyn Welch, I live in Gresham.

I feel it is important for you to realize that I asked Kaiser to give me a drug to end my life as I could not afford my insulin. They have given me extra help and provided me with all of my medication the last two years. No one should ever have to consider an option like ending their life because they can't afford medication.

**I request that you ensure that Oregon's budget includes funding that supports the creation of a Drug Affordability Board (SB844) and allows the state to monitor the activities of pharmaceutical sales representatives (SB763). By doing this you will take substantive action during the current legislative session to control the extreme rise in prescription drug prices for all Oregonians.**

**Thank you for your consideration**