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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

June 3, 2021

Senator Ginny Burdick, Co-Chair  
Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures  
Oregon Capitol Building  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Ref: HB 2452

Co-Chairs Burdick and Nathanson:

This letter is in support of the passage of House Bill 2452 (HB 2452). Extension of the existing sunset from January 1, 2022, to January 1, 2028, will make a profound difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Oregonians living in remote and rural areas. The accessibility of affordable health care is a dependent variable: providers must be available to provide care for patients. It is increasingly difficult to recruit, retain, and replace providers in remote and rural areas.

Despite the national shortage of medical providers, larger cities and suburban communities usually manage to find at least enough providers to meet the needs, if not the desires, of the regional patient load/s. This is not the case in remote and rural areas where too often there are not enough providers for even baseline availability. HB 2542 is a proven tool that helps maintain the provider base we have.

It is not intended to transform the recruitment conversation, but it is intended to at least maintain what we have right now. We need this sunset extension badly.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

As the chair of the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Management, I believe there are few tools in our toolbox as critical as this tax credit. I strongly urge passage.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Evans".

Oregon House of Representatives  
Chair, Committee on Veterans and Emergency Management  
District 20