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Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am writing in support of HB 2981. As a physician I can attest to the importance and benefit palliative services have to patients and families at the most trying time in their lives. As a former Director of the Oregon Health Authority I can attest to the cost effectiveness of these services. And finally, as a son, I can attest to the benefit these services were for my father and our family in the final months of his life.

At a time when we are seeking to utilize health care resources efficiently and to provide high value services, providing palliative care services helps us to meet those objectives.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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