

Chair Patterson and members of the Committee,

I write to you in support of SB428. Having followed the work of the Task Force and its Technical Advisory Groups since inception, I believe it critical to allow the Task Force to complete its mission in delivering a plan for a workable publicly-financed system of universal health care for all Oregonians. To that end, extending the timeline is necessary to ensure that such a plan is delivered to the legislature for its consideration. I also request that appropriate funding be granted to the Task Force to allow it to complete its work, as the Covid pandemic resulted in a collapse of both time and funding available for the Task Force's vital work.

The Task Force represents an opportunity to right the many wrongs in our current system of healthcare; I fervently hope that opportunity is not squandered.

I thank you for your consideration and for all your work towards a healthier Oregon.

Regards,

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