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Chair Patterson and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

I am writing you today asking for your support of SCR 3 in memoriam to Representative Merwyn Ronald "Mitch" Greenlick. Representative Greenlick was a fierce and tireless advocate for a healthier, more equitable, Oregon. Though greatly missed, he leaves behind a lasting legacy that will impact future Oregonians for generations to come.

His vision for advancement in the field of public health inspired the creation of the School of Public Health at Oregon Health & Science University and Portland State University to train a new generation of public health leaders. His consistent foresight led us to achieve heights we didn't know possible. As our community of frontline health care and public health workers continues to engage a once in a generation public health crisis, we must recognize his influential voice in moving public health forward.

Not only was Representative Greenlick a champion for the School of Public Health, his service went beyond expectation, his generosity and endless genius inspired those around him, and he gave his time and energy to the world of public health at every opportunity. In fact, in 2018 I was honored to award Representative Greenlick with a lifetime achievement award from the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health.

As we say goodbye to a man who did so much, we rest assured that his life and great achievements will be remembered. A mentor to many and a friend to all, Representative Greenlick's spirit endures at the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. We will continue to strive toward a vision of a healthy, equitable society, and know that Representative Mitch Greenlick will be there with us, still guiding the way.

Thank you for your time, and I urge a yes vote on SCR 3.

Sincerely,

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