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Representative Shelly Boshart Davis 900 Court Street NE, H-389 Salem, Oregon 97301 Mailed 1.12.22

Dear Representative Boshart Davis,

I am writing in support of your sponsored bill that amends ORS 163.165. Long overdue, this bill provides hospital workers with the same protections already given to taxi drivers, highway workers, and flaggers under ORS 163.165. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how very much our society relies upon hospital workers. These workers deserve to feel safe from criminally assaultive behavior while they are at work. Our laws should reflect that we value our hospital workers, their sacrifices, and the important role they play in our community. This law will have minimal fiscal impact upon taxpayers. It will reflect that we as a society value our hospital workers. For this reason, I am writing to support this bill and recommend its passage.

Sincerely,

Doug Marteeny