

To: Members of the House

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

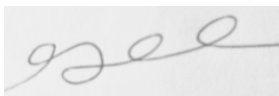
Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for HB 4150. As a community member, working in the health field, I understand the critical need for a comprehensive and statewide Community Information Exchange (CIE) and support any efforts to establish one.

Improving health outcomes and bending the cost curve requires a multifaceted, comprehensive plan and our community is making ground, but we need the appropriate tools to continue improvements. Having an appropriate CIE is low hanging fruit and the lack of this critical infrastructure is one of our greatest limiting factors. No community can do this on their own—this requires a state-wide directive and investment.

Implementation of a statewide CIE will allow community-based organizations, state agencies, health systems, county health departments, social service agencies, and technology partners to coordinate efforts to assess and address the social determinants of health for the people in our state.

HB 4150 instructs the Oregon Health Authority's Health Information Technology Council to convene the Community Information Exchange Workgroup to accelerate, support, and improve a secure and confidential statewide CIE and I humbly ask for your support.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Maria Ramos Underwood".

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