



Honorable Chair Deb Patterson
Senate Committee on Health Care
Salem, Oregon

Re: PeaceHealth Support for SB 189A

Chair Patterson and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

PeaceHealth is a Northwest health system based around acute hospital care and comprehensive ancillary health care services. Our mission calls us to respond to and serve needs in our communities that support complete health and wellness of all people.

The amendment adopted to produce SB 189A reflects PeaceHealth values promoting social justice and equity for all who access care through PeaceHealth regardless of religious affiliation or traditions. Death is arguably one of the most imposing facets of life, a daunting prospect from the moment one realizes their own mortality. SB 189A seeks to make clear that individuals who have suffered an amputation event have a right to those anatomical parts as it relates to their end-of-life and after-life beliefs. It is critical to honor and respect all individuals' beliefs in our ever-present goal to provide person centered care to all.

We appreciate our friends at St. Charles Health System bringing this amendment forward. We are also grateful for the time in committee to discuss and adopt the -1 amendment to SB 189A.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Salnas', written over a light blue background.

Todd Salnas | Chief Executive | PeaceHealth Oregon Network