

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Senators Bonham, Campos, and Gorsek,

My name is Scott Bruslind, and I live in the rural area of Lacombe which is between Lebanon and Scio. My wife and I have been operating a Food & Beverage QC/QA testing lab, Analysis Laboratory, for well over 25 years.

A considerable constraint to growing our business is the disadvantage we have in putting a benefits package together that covers health care.

To be clear, it's not that health care insurance is not available. We devote time and reach out for the help of Navigators on the Oregon HealthCare.gov marketplace, but we have found, time and again that premiums, co-pays and accessibility to provider services put us at a distinct disadvantage.

The prospect of SB 704 to initiate comprehensive reform in Oregon's approach to the health of its citizens will create transparency, accessibility and provide a more resilient, competitive economic environment for us all- rural and urban.

I urge the passage of SB 704 and thank you for your work.

Respectfully,

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