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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2927

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RE: HB2927 Statewide Steering Committee on Sickle Cell Disease

Dear House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

I am Laura Dorneman, a Registered Nurse at Oregon Health & Science University. I am a Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse and have worked with children, adolescents and young adults with blood disorders and cancer for more than 15 years. I am testifying in support of HB2927.

Sickle cell disease is a complex disease that requires lifelong coordinated care from numerous areas, both in the health care system and in the community. It primarily affects people of color, namely Black and Latinx people in Oregon. Given our history of health care inequities and racism, our patients deserve the basic coordinated care and education that this bill proposes. Please read this editorial published in 2020 in the New England Journal of Medicine for more information:

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2022125>

Please consider voting in support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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