



March 21, 2023

Chair Patterson
Vice Chair Hayden
Members of the Senate Committee on Healthcare

I am writing in support of SB 60 and the -1 amendment. As the General Manager of Medix Ambulance Service in Clatsop County, I face difficulty in my attempts to recruit Paramedics caused by the degree requirement in Oregon. As the only state in the Union that has this requirement, it often is the only roadblock to bringing in a Paramedic from out of state. With the interruption of training in Paramedic education programs and the fatigue caused exodus from healthcare caused by the pandemic, it is paramount that we act quickly to open up the ability to recruit qualified Paramedics into the state of Oregon.

I strongly encourage the passing of this bill.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Strecker", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Strecker, Paramedic
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