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**To: Senate Committee on Rules**  
**Re: Support for SB 1089 Universal Health Plan Governance Board**

Chair Lieber and Committee Members:

**I urge you to support SB 1089.**

In approving Measure 111 last November, Oregon voters recognized the need for a transformation of the health care delivery system in Oregon. SB 1089 establishes a Universal Health Plan Governance Board to implement that transformational vision. The bill is based on the report of the Legislature's Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care, delivered to the Legislature last September after an exhaustive 4-year analysis and public engagement process.

Every one of us is familiar with how dysfunctional the current health care delivery system has become. Among the many problems that result from the current system:

- **It places inequitable burdens on residents.** While many Oregonians have excellent medical insurance coverage, there are still far too many Oregonians who don't even seek the care they need because they can't afford it.
- **The system also places inequitable burdens on employers.** Many employers cannot afford the ever-growing cost of providing adequate health care benefits for their employees. Employers also suffer through reduced productivity when employees or their family members cannot get the medical care they need.

There is no time to waste. Please support SB 1089.

Sincerely,

