



February 6, 2024

Re: Support for HB 4081

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson,

Please accept this letter as my support for HB 4081 as the Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Flights Inc. I had the opportunity to be part of the work group formed by Representative Grayber to discuss and build the proposed bill. As part of the process, a great deal of discussion from all parts of the EMS industry was had and many issues debated.

The end result was the bill before you that I and my organization believe will be a crucial step in addressing the challenges facing the EMS system in Oregon.

This bill ensures that voices will be heard throughout the industry on crucial matters, including the voices of independent non-profit organizations such as Mercy Flights. I am also appreciative that the bill (importantly) does not impact the authority of counties to contract for ambulance service areas.

As Representative Grayber has stated in her testimony before the committee, this is the first step that will eventually lead to a larger workforce in our industry state-wide, a process that we at Mercy Flights look forward to strongly supporting.

I urge you to support this bill as well.

Respectfully,

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