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To whom it may concern,

I am a Oregonian and citizen of Beaverton, OR. I am proud to call Oregon my home. I work in Funeral Care with Dignity Memorial at Young's Funeral Home in Tigard, OR and Pegg, Paxson & Springer in Beaverton, OR.

I am submitting this testimony in support of requiring physicians to use and sign electronically in the Oregon Vitals Electronic Registration System (OVERS). This is not only helpful and resource saving for the physician, their offices and the funeral homes; this is also less stressful and less painful on the families and loved ones we serve. Extended delays caused by the inefficiency of printing out and couriering paper to doctors to sign is a waste of fossil fuels, puts undue burden and liability on Funeral Directors, Funeral Attendants and Funeral Administrative Staff – it also delays and prolongs the process for families dealing with the death of their loved one, in order to have the official certification they need to close up estates, handle sales and purchases of the decedent and receive entitled funds and support in cases where the loved one made provisions for after their death.

In the year 2025, a quarter of a century into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, it should be a point of pride that we as a state have not only made a more updated and efficient process for all parties to use; but we have also cleared the way for families, citizens of Oregon, to receive their benefits and planned resources faster, easier and with less frustration from delays from using an archaic drop to paper optional system.

Thank you,

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