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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3221

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare.

I am an independent practicing emergency and occupational medicine physician with Cascade Medical Associates, CascadeHealth a non-profit entity and Monarch Medical Group in Eugene/Springfield Oregon for over 40 years. Our independent emergency medicine group Doctors Emergency Room Corporation, DBA Cascade Medical Associates has been providing emergency medicine services at McKenzie Willamette Medical Center for over 45 years. I am also a cofounder of Best Med Urgent Care's with 27 locations in Oregon mostly in underserved rural communities.

I am writing to strongly support representative Nathanson's Urgent Care HB 3221 proposal. This legislation would help avoid confusion in a diverse urgent care and "walk-in" clinic market and make consumers more aware of the various services offered by each entity and the level of care they provide.

I applaud Representative Nathanson for her foresight, hard work and diligence crafting the proposed bill, and for having this proposed legislation applied to ALL licensed providers whether they are independent, corporate, or hospital based. I think this is especially important for any medical bill, including representatives Bowman's upcoming legislation to avoid unintended consequences and have all providers on a level playing field regardless of affiliation or non-affiliation.

I understand it's still needs a little bit of work but the core of this legislation is very practical and beneficial to the consumer.

Thank you,  
Richard Abraham MD