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On Behalf of: Senate Committee on Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic : SB 729

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Senator Gelser Blouin and members of the committee-

I am writing in **support** of SB 729 to protect individuals with Intellectually and Developmental Disabilities access to care regardless of their disability. The fact we must make it a law telling people not to do this seems redundant, but I've witnessed firsthand providers "wiping their hands" when confronted with patients they are unaware of how to treat or communicate with.

This is vital to protecting our most vulnerable citizens. I urge you to support this bill as another step towards protecting patient rights in Oregon.

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