

Submitter: Sangita Sharma

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB20

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sangita Sharma, and I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 20. This bill is a crucial step in ensuring that employed individuals with disabilities in Oregon can access the medical assistance they need, regardless of their income or resources.

I am research scientist working in the tech industry. I have personal experience of more than a decade, working alongside my colleague who is severely disabled. The disability hasn't stopped him from bringing his expertise and passion to every project that he has been part of. He is a role model of and an inspiration to everyone who knows him. I cannot imagine him and others like him having to give up their passion and financial independence, just so that they can get the healthcare they need for survival. It would be a loss of talent and innovation that these individuals are capable of contributing to. SB 20 removes this unfair dilemma and promotes economic opportunity, stability, and self-sufficiency.

I urge the committee to support SB 20 and help create a more inclusive and equitable Oregon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sangita Sharma