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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB530

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 530. My name is Alex Llumiquinga, and I am the Director of Arcoiris Cultural, a nonprofit organization serving the Latine and Indigenous Mesoamerican communities of Lincoln County. SB 530 is essential for ensuring that Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs) can continue their important work in reducing health inequities by providing the necessary funding and resources to meet the needs of underserved communities.

This bill will also provide annual budgeted inflation adjustments to RHEC funding, ensuring that these organizations can keep up with rising costs and continue providing vital services for community health.

I support this bill because RHECs are an indispensable part of our community's healthcare landscape. For our Latine and Indigenous communities, access to culturally relevant healthcare and resources is crucial, and RHECs provide that vital connection. With rising costs, this bill is necessary to ensure that these critical organizations can continue to serve the most vulnerable populations without interruption.

These resources will allow RHECs to continue strengthening their capacity and extending their support to the communities that need it most. I urge you to vote yes on SB 530.

Thank you,

Alex Llumiquinga

Director, Arcoiris Cultural