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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3439

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House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Maria Reebbs, DNP, and I am a Doctor of Nursing Practice and a licensed nurse practitioner in Portland, Oregon. I strongly support HB 3439, which mandates that health plans reimburse services provided by nurse practitioners at the same rate as those provided by physicians and physician associates.

Nurse practitioners are essential to Oregon's healthcare system, providing high-quality, patient-centered care in both primary and specialty settings. We help address the growing provider shortage, expand access to underserved populations, and deliver cost-effective care that improves health outcomes. Despite our advanced training, independent practice authority, and significant contributions to healthcare, many nurse practitioners face unjust reimbursement disparities, limiting our ability to sustain our practices and serve patients effectively.

Ensuring pay parity is not just a matter of fairness—it is a critical step in strengthening Oregon's healthcare infrastructure. Without it, we risk losing skilled providers and restricting access to care for thousands of Oregonians. I urge you to support HB 3439 to create a more equitable and sustainable healthcare system for both providers and patients.

Sincerely,
Dr. Maria Reebbs, DNP
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