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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB528

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

I’m writing in support of SB 528. My name is Margallee James, and I am a community member of Coos County. SB 528 will provide critical resources to RHECs so they can continue reducing health inequities by identifying the most important issues impacting priority populations in underserved, rural regions of Oregon. By assessing these barriers through grassroots community engagement, they are able to uplift the voices of their communities to create effective solutions through policy and systems change. The expansion of RHECs will ensure that priority populations all over the state are getting their needs met.

I support this bill because I have family members in five of the priority populations and many friends. I do what I can to provide what I can, through community volunteering and with my limited resources. They all need adequate support, without discrimination, from various resources in Coos County. The Regional Health Equity Coalition helps ensure that they have access to adequate services. These priority populations are a large part of our somewhat isolated community on the south coast. We are all in this together.

This resource is vital to our community and these resources will allow for an immediate increase in capacity to support them. I urge you to vote yes on SB 528.”

Thank you,
Margallee James