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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB530

I am writing to express my support for SB 530. My name is Cynthia De La Torre, I am a community member in Albany, OR. SB 530 is essential for ensuring that 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 the organizations can keep up with rising costs and continue providing the services that are so vital for community health.

I support this bill because RHECs are crucial vehicles for community involvement and community building among priority populations in rural and underserved areas in Oregon, this, in turn, has a tremendous capacity for communities to shape the policies, systems, and environments that impact their lives.

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

Thank you,

Cynthia De La Torre