



February 27, 2025

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senate Committee on Health Care,

I am writing on behalf of Yamhill Community Care (YCCO) in support of SB 528. YCCO is a coordinated care organization serving more than 35,000 Oregon Health Plan members in Yamhill County and parts of Washington and Polk Counties. We are also the Early Learning Hub for Yamhill County.

SB 528 would expand the number of Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs) in Oregon and provide resources to support existing RHECs. YCCO supported a previous iteration of this bill in 2023, SB 564. At that time, there was no RHEC serving the Yamhill County portion of our service area. We are pleased to say that recently changed when the RHEC spanning Marion and Polk Counties expanded to cover Yamhill County.

The newly renamed Health Equity Coalition of Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties recently participated in YCCO's Community Advisory Council as a guest presenter. We look forward to collaborating with them more in the future. As always, YCCO is committed to identifying barriers and developing better ways to serve our community so everyone can achieve their full health potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seamus McCarthy".

Seamus McCarthy, Ph.D.
President & Chief Executive Officer