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The Honorable Deb Patterson, Senate Health Committee

900 Court Street NE

Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: Support of SB 727**

Dear Chair Patterson and Honorable Members of the Committee,

This proposed legislation removes the following outdated language in the Oregon Family Leave Act found at ORS 659A.150(1)(L)

***"A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS 684.054, **but only to the extent the chiropractic physician provides treatment consisting of manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation demonstrated to exist by X-rays.**"***

The problem? An insurer recently refused to accept an Oregon family leave certificate authorized by a Eugene chiropractic physician for his patient significantly injured in a recent motor vehicle crash. The insurers rational quote, ***"Chiropractors are not authorized to complete paid medical leave certifications in the State of Oregon unless it is for treatment consisting of manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation as demonstrated by X-ray to exist."***

Medical evidence over the last several decades has revealed spinal X-rays to identify "vertebral subluxations" or small misalignments of the vertebrae are no longer considered evidence-based chiropractic practice. Contemporary research indicates routine X-rays for the purpose of revealing small misalignments in the spine provide no clinically significant benefit, can potentially harm patients, and not the standard of care in Oregon, the US, or worldwide.

The Oregon Chiropractic Association, the American Chiropractic Association, as well as national diagnostic imaging practice guidelines (see attachments) recommend, avoiding routine X-rays, provide a clinical assessment first, use in red flag situations, symptoms and signs of serious pathology, use in evaluation of spinal deformities such as suspected scoliosis, provide patient discussions regarding the harm vs benefits of X-rays.

We respectfully urge your support of patient safety and this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Amanda Tipton Stiller,