

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Chair Reynolds and Members of the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health,

My name is Wannasiri Lapcharoensap and I am a neonatologist and one of the co-directors of the Northwest Neonatal Improvement Priority Alliance. The Northwest Neonatal Improvement Priority Alliance is a quality improvement collaboration of all 12 neonatal intensive care units in Oregon and Southwest Washington. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on SB 1039 to improve outcomes for mothers and babies in Oregon.

The Oregon Perinatal Collaborative, or OPC, has been a leader of maternal and infant health quality improvement since 2012. State level perinatal quality collaboratives, such as the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative, are the gold standard for responding to maternal and infant health crises. OPC has worked collaboratively with the Northwest Neonatal Improvement Priority Alliance to actively address issues that impacts birthing parents and their infants: substance use disorders, disaster planning in perinatal units, COVID-19 pandemic, and this year we are partnering to improve newborn resuscitation throughout the state of Oregon. With stable funding from the state legislature in 2023, OPC impressively expanded its reach and capacity to every single birthing hospital and birthing center. Renewed funding from the state will allow the OPC to continue its extraordinarily important work and reach every birth in the state.

Please vote yes on SB 1039 to improve maternal and infant health in Oregon. Thank you for the work you do to support the health of mothers and babies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wannasiri Lapcharoensap'.

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