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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Honorable Senator Chair Deb Patterson and Vice-Chair Senator Cedric Hayden as well as, all the members of the Senate on Health Care,

My name is Lace Velk and I am writing to you today in support of SB 529. This bill gives all the appropriate people all that they need to stand up programs in our state that can elevate healthcare for all Oregonians. Many in our state are in rural areas and lack access to care. These individuals are at risk for costly bad outcomes. Through the empowerment of the largest sector of the healthcare workforce we can get these folks plugged into our systems in ways that are sustainable for them. We can care enough to meet them where they are at, working on their level to improve their own self-sufficiency and alleviate life challenges in real time.

This bill is a win-win for all; hospital systems, healthcare workers, overburdened immediate care and primary care systems, those with lack of access or chronic complex needs. This bill will strengthen just-in-time care preventing folks from becoming acutely ill and overburdening our already crisis level emergency care services.

Please support my work in healthcare by supporting this bill and thank you for all you do for the people of Oregon!

Kindly,
Lace Velk, Oregon Registered Nurse