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On Behalf Of: Legacy Health
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Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health,

My name is Dr. Karen Archabald, and I am a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist, Director of Obstetrics for Legacy Health and a member of the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative Governing Board.

The clinical teams at Legacy Health's five Oregon Family Birth Centers demonstrate knowledge, compassion, and a commitment to improving maternal and neonatal health outcomes every day at the bedside. Through leadership and expertise, the OPC empowers our teams to identify areas for improvement and make practice changes that enhance maternal safety in their respective units.

A prime example of this partnership is our implementation of the Hypertension Safety Bundle. Under the mentorship of OPC, our unit leaders gained crucial skills in Quality Improvement methods. This coaching helped us establish processes for the efficient collection of data related to blood pressure management and postpartum follow-up. These interventions are vital to improving maternal health, and we are already witnessing positive changes as a result.

Our participation in OPC initiatives on OB Hemorrhage and Hypertension has helped us create a collaborative culture among clinicians, nurses, and leadership within our units and throughout the entire Legacy system. This teamwork is essential for fostering an environment of continuous improvement and shared learning.

Being part of the statewide support network established by the OPC enhances our sense of community and reinforces our collective commitment to ensuring that every birth in Oregon is as safe as possible. The positive outcomes we achieve are a testament to the power of collaboration and shared knowledge.

Renewing funding for the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative will enable this exceptional work to continue and expand to all birthing facilities throughout Oregon

Thank you for the work you do to support the health of mothers and babies in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen Archabald
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