

Dear Senator Deb Patterson,

I would like to offer my sincere support for Senate Bill 716. In my role as medical director of the acute care clinic at La Clinica Del Valle in Medford, I have been following the progress of this bill and extremely hopeful for its success. We are a walk-in clinic, primarily caring for our Medicaid, uninsured or underinsured population here in Medford. Urgent care offers a critical access point for individuals requiring timely healthcare, especially when primary care has a critical shortage. I am pleased to say we often prevent patients from having to visit local emergency rooms, contributing to long wait times and expensive care cost. Urgent cares operate at an increased overhead to provide extended services including x-ray and lab services. This bill would be beneficial to support this valuable service to our community.

Thank you for allowing me to share my support of senate bill 716.

Warmly,

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