



Senator Patterson
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Patterson,.

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 716, which aims to standardize the scope and quality of services provided by urgent care facilities across Oregon. As the healthcare landscape evolves, urgent care centers have increasingly become vital components of our medical system, offering timely, efficient, and cost-effective care.

Standardizing the range and quality of services provided by urgent care centers ensures consistency in patient experience and establishes clear expectations for both providers and patients. This consistency enhances the reliability of urgent care as a dependable alternative to emergency rooms for non-life-threatening medical conditions.

Moreover, supporting the expanded and standardized use of urgent care services directly results in substantial cost savings for our healthcare system. Each patient who utilizes urgent care instead of an emergency room saves the system hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars. These savings are critical for both patients and insurers, ultimately contributing to lower healthcare premiums and reduced out-of-pocket expenses.

We have witnessed firsthand the impact of these cost efficiencies at Valley Immediate Care, where patients receive prompt, high-quality care without the financial burden associated with emergency room visits. Senate Bill 716 strengthens our ability to serve patients effectively and ensures that the economic benefits of urgent care are maximized throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this important issue. We strongly urge your support for Senate Bill 716 to improve healthcare access, quality, and affordability for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Kell", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brent Kell
Chief Executive Officer
Valley Immediate Care