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Oregon Family Medicine Residency - Hood River Rural Training Track



Support for ORCA-FM and Oregon Family Medicine Residency Programs
March 19th 2025

Greetings:

I am writing in support of Oregon SB 443 for continued funding for the Oregon Residency Collaborative Alliance for Family Medicine. I am the current residency program director at the Hood River Rural Family Medicine residency and served as the founding director since 2013.

ORCA-FM is a unique and collaborative resource born out of the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians and it's continued success relies on passage of this important bill. We have made excellent progress over the past 4 years but continued challenges including financial obstacles, community connection issues, and full practice breadth limitations will make it impossible to address the primary care shortage in our state without robust funding for ORCAFM.

The Oregon Residency Collaborative Alliance for Family Medicine (ORCA-FM) seeks continued state support in 2025 via SB 443 to strengthen and expand family medicine residency programs. Our goals are to expand rural training opportunities, supporting existing residency programs for stability and growth, attract top-quality physician trainees through funding faculty development and research initiatives and provide resources for resident trainees. Collaboration among our 9 different site directors, faculty and residents is vital to streamline best practice and maintain program excellence.

I am sorry I will not be able to attend the discussion and hearing on March 24th but I can commit to being present virtually.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Gobbo MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert Gobbo MD

Program Director Providence Hood River Rural Family Medicine Training Program.