



Dear Chair Patterson and the Senate
Committee on Health Care

First and foremost, thank you for your time and dedication to protecting and supporting the health of Oregonians. My name is Ashley Koch, MS, CNS, and I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1174. As a Certified Nutrition Specialist (CNS®) and a healthcare professional serving Oregonians, I urge you to support this bill to ensure greater access to high-quality nutrition care in our state.

SB 1174 recognizes the vital role of Certified Nutrition Specialists and other qualified health professionals in providing evidence-based nutrition therapy to prevent, manage, and even reverse acute and chronic diseases. By establishing licensure for CNS® practitioners, this bill would expand access to essential healthcare services, allowing more Oregonians to receive expert nutrition guidance tailored to their needs.

Passing SB 1174 would not only ensure that licensed, highly trained CNS® professionals can provide medical nutrition therapy in Oregon, but it would also expand consumer choice, protect existing nutrition practitioners who have invested significant time and resources into their education and businesses, and improve public health outcomes.

I respectfully ask you to vote YES on SB 1174 to support qualified nutrition professionals and increase access to critical healthcare services in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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