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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee, I urge you to support SB 293-1. I support this bill because as a Registered Nurse it is my duty to advocate for healthcare as a human right. Patients I know have been impacted terribly by deficits in prison healthcare, and DOC needs to be held accountable for providing the same quality of care available to everyone else.

SB 293-1 is a necessary step to ensure that the Department of Corrections meets *basic* healthcare standards—treating pre-existing conditions, documenting treatment denials, infection prevention and control, ensuring care is not withheld based on release date, and maintaining an up-to-date formulary. These are fundamental expectations for *any* healthcare system, and DOC should be no different. I urge you to support SB 293-1 to improve continuity of care and protect the health and dignity of incarcerated individuals.