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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB293

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee, my name is Rebecca Congdon and I urge you to support SB 293-1. I support this bill because as an RN my professional and ethical convictions compel me to advocate for health equity for ALL members of our community, and for humanity and dignity in our carceral system. The DOC should be accountable for meeting the medical needs of all in their care.

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, 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 peoples.

Thank you,
Rebecca Congdon