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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB293

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

Thank you for considering my testimony, despite falling after the initial hearing. I am a native Oregonian, who votes, and supports Senate Bill 293-1 for the following reasons:

This bill will require the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) to:

1. Provide medical care to adults in custody for pre-existing conditions. Currently, ODOC refuses to continue care for a person if the condition needing treatment existed prior to incarceration. This is humane and necessary.
2. Not consider the remaining duration of incarceration for an adult in custody in medical care decisions. Currently, ODOC can refuse care based on how much time the person has left before their release from prison jeopardizing the health of incarcerated Oregonians, and the health and welfare of the communities in which they are released.
3. Document the specific reasons for any denial or refusal of medical care in the adult in custody's medical file. ODOC does not consistently record specific reasons for its decision to deny or refuse medical care for adults in custody - we all need to be accountable.
4. Provide adults in custody access to, at a minimum, prescriptions listed on the formulary adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in effect on June 1, 2025. This would bring ODOC in line with the current formulary guidance provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Thank you for treating others as you would want to be treated (imagine being innocent and held without receiving care).