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Dear Chair Patterson and the Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is Stephanie Harrington, and I represent myself and other Certified Nutrition Specialists in Oregon. I urge your support for SB1174, which establishes a clear pathway to licensure for Certified Nutrition Specialists in our state. Additionally, it is critical that the proposed amendments to Section 36 are included, as they safeguard my ability to retain my current status as a Licensed Dietitian in Oregon as well as my license renewal in Washington, Massachusetts, and Maryland.

This bill will allow me to bill insurance which allows greater access to nutritional health care for Oregonians, notably medical nutrition therapy which supports a variety of metabolic and chronic health conditions. This bill allows Oregon citizens to safely find medical nutrition therapy by qualified nutritionists that have completed a master's degree in the Science of Nutrition, 1000 hours of supervised internship, and completed an extensive exam through the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists.

Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting SB1174 and the proposed amendment to Section 36.

Kind Regards,

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