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On Behalf Of:

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Legislators and staff,

My name is Dr. John LeBow founder of Veterans Legacy and current President of the Board of Directors. I am a recently retired Family Physician as well. Our organization is a 501(c)-3 non-profit located in Eugene, OR. Veterans Legacy has been in existence for 9 years. Using the Camp Alma campus, we provide coordinated therapy, via community resources, and residential care for Veterans with substance use disorder, PTSD and associated disorders, homelessness, and incarceration issues.

In my practice encountering Veterans and, as expected, the Veteran population at Camp Alma, the detrimental effect of TBI is common, but often subtle in presentation because the Veteran often doesn't mention head injury scenarios unless asked. The downstream effects of TBI run a full spectrum as to life circumstances.

The beauty of HBOT treatment is that it is proven effective and non-invasive. Of even greater significance, given that most Veterans have other medical maladies and are on concurrent prescriptions. Is that to my knowledge there is no contraindication to the use of HBOT in tandem with their current medication regimen. Of course, there is also no post treatment residual concerns as well.

I would like to offer my whole-hearted support for HB 3460 to help those Veterans in need to be able to access HBOT therapy. Thank You