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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Lynne Oldham and I am a Registered and Licensed Dietitian from Bend, Oregon. I have been in practice for over 30 years and fully support Senate Bill 1174. This bill proposes modernizing state law to license all qualified dietetic and nutrition professionals and regulate the practice of medical nutrition therapy as a recognized component of medical care.

By creating two distinct pathways for licensure (Licensed Dietitian and Licensed Nutritionist) I believe this bill will improve efficiency in the provision of health care while also providing a measure of public safety by more clearly defining the qualifications and scope of practice for licensed individuals. I also believe that this bill would enhance access to timely, cost-effective nutrition care in Oregon hospitals and long-term care facilities, and enhance my ability to practice at the level I have been trained for.

I ask for your support of Senate Bill 1174. Thank you for your consideration.

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