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Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the committee,

My name is Wlnsvey Campos, and I represent Senate District 18, including Beaverton, Hillsboro, Aloha, and parts of unincorporated Washington County. I am here today to express strong support for **Senate Bill 1060**, which empowers patients by requiring clear and accessible hospital pricing information.

The rising cost of living in Oregon continues to place financial strain on families, and healthcare costs are no exception. Health insurance premiums, out-of-pocket costs, and high deductibles are making it increasingly difficult for Oregonians to afford the care they need. This bill will help address that issue by ensuring that patients have the information they need to make informed decisions about their care, before they receive it.

Federal rules already require hospitals to post their price lists transparently online, but compliance with these rules has been inconsistent, and enforcement is nearly nonexistent. As a result, Oregonians are left with incomplete or confusing information when it comes to healthcare pricing. This is not only frustrating—it's unfair. Patients are entitled to know the cost of their care and the current lack of transparency leaves them in the dark.

This bill will standardize pricing disclosures, allowing patients to easily compare costs across hospitals. With clear, upfront information, patients will be empowered to make decisions that are in their best financial interest.

To illustrate why this bill is so critical, let me give you an example: if I needed an MRI of my knee, with Regence insurance the cost at Hospital A would be \$1,271.60. But at Hospital B, the same procedure would cost only \$598.40—a nearly \$700 difference.

This kind of price disparity isn't unique—it's a reality that many Oregonians face every day, and it's why price transparency is so vital.

In this example, hospitals are transparent about their pricing. As a result of this added level of transparency, Oregonians will have a better understanding of their healthcare options, which could encourage lower costs of care and pricing parity across hospitals.

This bill is a commonsense solution to a pressing problem. It's about fairness, transparency, and giving all Oregonians the ability to make the best choices for themselves and their families. I urge you to support **Senate Bill 1060**. Thank you for your time and your dedication to the State of Oregon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wlnsvey Campos', with a stylized, flowing script.

Wlnsvey Campos

State Senator, District 18