



April 18, 2025

Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez and Members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means,

At the Oregon State University Gerontology Conference held on April 17, 2025, in Corvallis, OR, I had the honor of delivering the keynote address titled: *"Innovating Aging – Sharing Oregon's Future for All Generations."*

A central theme of the conference was how Oregon's shifting demographics will significantly influence the state's future. During my keynote, I invited attendees to actively support House Bill 3497-A, which proposes the creation of a Shared Future Oregon Taskforce. This taskforce would be charged with developing a comprehensive Multi-Sector Plan on Aging (MPA) to strategically address both the challenges and opportunities arising from our aging population in key areas including:

- Housing
- Caregiving
- Health and Well-Being
- Workforce
- Economic Vitality

Below, you will find a table of individual signatories—gerontology professionals, advocates, grass root workers, and community leaders—who respectfully urge appropriate funding for and passage of HB 3497-A.

Oregon's future is multi-generational, and planning now ensures a stronger, more equitable tomorrow for people of all ages. We hope you will join us in this vital effort.

Please direct any questions on HB 3497-A to Maureen McGee at maureen.mcgee@tonkon.com.

With respect and appreciation,

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List of Signatories supporting HB 3497-A:

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