Submitter: Dilip Babu MD

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2143

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dilip Babu. I am from Portland and wish to lend my support for Oregon HB 2143.

I am a practicing hospice physician at a large healthcare system in Portland, board-certified in Internal Medicine as well as Hospice & Palliative Medicine. I also practice acupuncture and teach at an accredited acupuncture school in Portland. Additionally, I am a member of the Acupuncture Advisory Committee of the Oregon Medical Board.

I have seen the benefits of 5NP auricular acupuncture for folks with substance use disorder since I first encountered this treatment while working at an HIV clinic in New York City almost 15 years ago. This safe, low-cost intervention is effective and can be life-saving for many Oregonians.

I strongly encourage you to support HB 2143. Thank you.

Sincerely, Dilip Babu, MD