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Support Confirmation of Andrew Stolfi as
Director of the Oregon Employment Department,
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I am Dr. Jim Davis, current Chair and 30 plus year member of the Oregon Insurance Advisory Committee (DCBS). I am also a retired gerontologist, social psychologist and professor, who has been a primary statewide advocate for seniors and people with disabilities for 50 plus years. I want to express my strongest support for Andrew Stolfi, the current state Insurance Commissioner and DCBS Director, in his quest to become the Director of the Oregon Employment Department.

Frankly, I am saddened that Andrew is leaving DCBS. He has been an excellent DCBS Director and state Insurance Commissioner, arguably one of the best ever; and I have known every Insurance Commissioner/Administrator since Ted Kulongoski held the position in the late 1980s. His success has much to do with his impressive ability to build effective teams, to consider and analyze all perspectives while remaining calm and professional, and to stay razor-focused on the mission and its outcomes.

From my perspective as a consumer advocate, no Insurance Commissioner has supported the rights of insurance consumers as Andrew has done. When myself and other consumer advocates reached out to him early on with our concerns that the Insurance Advisory Committee was not having its full impact, Andrew worked with us to develop a renewed mission for IAC with balanced stakeholder representation, a new charter, and greatly increased advisory impact within DCBS. He has continued to work closely with the IAC and has been actively involved in every meeting, which was rare for Insurance Commissioners in the past.

He always looks at the opinions and perspectives of the major stakeholder groups, consumers, producers/agents and the insurance industry, before making important decisions. As a result, he wasn't afraid to take a more controversial stance, such as supporting the removal of credit ratings as a basis for eligibility and rates consideration around auto insurance, a position strongly supported by consumer advocates.

Although Andrew will be so missed, he has built an amazing and experienced team at DCBS that has been a joy to work with. This foundation will continue to be at DCBS, and I predict they won't skip a beat in pushing forward with Andrew's

important mission and objectives for DCBS.

There is so much more that I could share, but suffice it to say, you couldn't have a more qualified candidate than Andrew Stolfi. Please support Andrew's appointment to be Oregon Employment Department Director.