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Senate Committee On Health Care
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RE: Support for House Bill 2385

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is April Etheridge-Bosworth, and I have the honor of serving as the Director of Pharmacy at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center. We are a federally qualified health center serving over 52,000 individuals across Washington and Yamhill counties.

Fifty years ago, a 6 year old named Virginia Garcia developed an infection from a wound on her foot. Her family travelled from rural Washington County in search of treatment. The lack of proper medication and care led to devastating consequences. Virginia's passing fueled the creation of Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, a place dedicated to ensuring that no one experiences the barriers Virginia faced.

Virginia Garcia's story remains deeply intertwined with the lives of the individuals we serve. A large percentage of our patients, like Virginia, live in rural areas and face significant challenges in accessing timely and affordable healthcare.

One example is a 73 year old retired, lifelong Oregonian named Bill. When he first became a patient of ours five years ago, he was not taking medications due to being uninsured. Since becoming a Virginia Garcia patient and using our pharmacy services, Bill has had no hospitalizations, no emergency department visits, and no urgent care events. The 340B savings make it possible for Bill to receive affordable medications through our Prescription Assistance Program, as well as see a Clinical Pharmacist who assists with the management of his diabetes.

Bill shared with us that he takes 6-8 medications to help him stay alive, and he feels his life has been extended because of the care he has received at Virginia Garcia. His story, like many of our patients, demonstrates the significance of the 340B Program and its direct impact on positive patient health outcomes.

In addition to Bill's story involving access and affordable medications, our 340B savings also directly benefit patients in other ways such as Home Prescription Delivery, Clinical Pharmacy Services, School Based Health Centers, and Public Health Outreach. House Bill 2385 is a critical measure that ensures our comprehensive, high-quality care on which our patients rely will continue to be available to them.

We urge you to support HB 2385 in making a lasting and unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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