



March 20, 2023

Senator Deb Patterson
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court St NE, S-215
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for Senate Bill 1076

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges you to support Senate Bill 1076. This bill will ensure that hospitals work with patients and supportive services to discharge all patients safely, regardless of housing status. In some recent cases, homeless patients have been discharged with no real destination and left outside in parking lots. The deadly consequences of this practice can be prevented, and the provisions of this bill will do just that.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a coalition of over 100 organizations, including local jurisdictions, tenant advocates, homeless service providers, and affordable housing developers from across the state. From these various positions within Oregon's housing landscape, our members have overwhelmingly endorsed SB 1076.

We call on you to join us in supporting this life-saving measure, and quickly advance it for consideration by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cameron Herrington".

Cameron Herrington
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