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February 1, 2012

The Honorable Mitch Greenlick  
The Honorable Jim Thompson  
Co-Chairs, House Health Care and Members of the Committee  
State Capital  
Salem, Oregon

Re: HB 4164 Updates to Oregon Insurance Exchange Corporation

Dear Representatives Greenlick, Thompson and Members of the Committee:

Providence Health & Services and Providence Health Plans would like to offer our continued support of the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation legislation (HB 4164). This legislation will make it easier for individuals and small groups to compare and purchase coverage, stimulate fair competition, encourage delivery system innovation, and create the proper incentives for participating health insurers. These components are all key pieces of health care transformation.

Providence supports the dual market operation structure of the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange outlined in the 2011 legislation. This structure ensures choice and innovation in the marketplace, uniform criteria for insurer participation, a timely transition of groups into the exchange, and a self-sufficient, transparent Exchange Corporation. Legislative approval of the business plan and the administrative changes outlined in SB 4164 will allow this important legislation to move forward.

We thank you for your continued work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Van Pelt".

Greg Van Pelt  
Executive Vice President- Oregon Region

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Friedman".

Jack Friedman  
Chief Executive, Providence Health Plans

Cc: Mike Becker  
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