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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 44



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

February 28, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2010-A**

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I voted yes on HB 2010-A because it ensures continued funding for Oregon's Medicaid program, which provides essential healthcare to Oregonians. Without this funding, we risk destabilizing a system that millions rely on for their health and well-being.

However, I must also highlight a critical issue: the persistent lack of transparency in healthcare funding and expenditure. The healthcare system is one of the largest sectors of our economy and a fundamental human need. Yet, exactly where these dollars are being spent and how much the hospitals profit remains opaque and difficult for both lawmakers and the public to navigate and track.

This lack of transparency as it relates to hospital spending is deeply concerning. That's why I have introduced bills to require hospitals to disclose key financial data, including executive pay, expenses, Medicaid investments, and cash reserves. Without clear financial accountability, patients, businesses, and policymakers cannot make informed decisions.

As long as the state continues funding, we must demand true transparency in hospital spending and profits to ensure Oregonians understand where their healthcare dollars are going. Transparency is not just a matter of good governance, it's essential to maintaining trust in our healthcare system. Oregonians deserve to know how their healthcare dollars are being used, and I remain committed to ensuring hospitals are held accountable. By passing these critical reforms, we can build a system that is not only well-funded but also fair, transparent, and truly centered on the needs of patients.

Sincerely,

State Representative Travis Nelson  
House District 44, North/NE Portland

