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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 8, 2023

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

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2665 – (B)

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 2665 – (B).

While I do believe in a free market and generally oppose governmental wage caps, I understand that this problem is out of control and largely due to the pandemic. Wage costs are too high in the health industry, so I realize that a drastic measure must occur. This will undoubtedly cause some short-term problems, but I do believe that we must play the long game and focus on really getting a handle on this coming out of the pandemic. I voted yes to support more long-term employees in the workplace therefore providing consistent care for our patients. Therefore, I am in support of House Bill 2665 – (B).

Respectfully submitted into the House record.

Sincerely,

Lucetta Elmer

Oregon State Representative

District 24