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STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 15



OREGON STATE SENATE

April 18, 2025

Obadiah Rutledge
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for Senate Bill 1181

Dear Secretary Rutledge,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my vote explanation for Senate Bill 1181. I voted yes on this bill because senior access to healthcare is vitally important and having a pre-existing condition should not limit someone's access.

However, keeping healthcare affordable for everyone, including our seniors who are facing uncertain times with potential changes at the federal level, is also of utmost importance, and I was hesitant with my yes vote.

I received a commitment from the bill's sponsor that the -1 amendment to the bill will be adopted on the House side. This amendment will remove certain community rating qualifiers, such as geographic location and age rating. The removal of these community rating qualifiers would result in a significant reduction in the range of potential premium increases.

As the bill's sponsor shared "Senate Bill 1181 as introduced is guaranteed to provide better care to Oregon's seniors enrolled in Medigap plans. The -1 Amendment allows insurers more flexibility in pricing."

For these reasons I voted yes on Senate Bill 1181.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janeen Sollman'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Janeen Sollman
Senate District 15