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It is my pleasure to support the Oregon Asthma Network in presenting the *Oregon Asthma Leadership Plan, A Statewide Call for Action*, to the citizens of Oregon. This plan was developed by a partnership of public and private organizations concerned about asthma. It represents our vision to ensure that all Oregonians with asthma receive optimal medical care, and have the information and skills they need to manage their disease.

Asthma places a heavy burden on those with the disease, as well as those around them. Additionally, asthma places a disproportionate burden among our most vulnerable communities. Fortunately, with proper asthma management and support in both the health system and the community, people with asthma can live normal, active lives with few symptoms.

Oregon's Asthma Leadership Plan represents a coordinated call to action that will challenge us to address seven priority areas through public and private partnerships. By striving to achieve the objectives and strategies identified in this plan, we hope to reduce the burden of asthma in Oregon, and improve the quality of life for all Oregonians with asthma.

The priorities identified in this report represent a coordinated public health approach to addressing asthma. Attending to each priority will increase asthma awareness and better support the community and health care system in addressing the needs of the 325,000 Oregonians living with asthma.

I would like to thank those organizations and individuals who dedicated their time to identifying the priorities, goals, objectives, and strategies in this plan. I also want to acknowledge those who will be involved in the future as we work to put the strategies into action. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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