



February 28, 2025

Dear Dr. Sejal Hathi,

The Legislative BIPOC Caucus envisions an Oregon that is “diverse, dynamic, just and equitable.” As such, we are strong supporters of the Oregon Health Authority’s work to achieve [health equity](#) by addressing “the equitable distribution or redistribution of resources and power; and recognizing, reconciling, and rectifying historical and contemporary injustices.”

If approved, the proposed Legacy/OHSU merger could create approximately \$600 million in philanthropic resources to address health equity. This is a tremendous opportunity to address the health disparities experienced by too many Oregonians - disparities our caucus is working every day to remove. But to ensure the opportunity is truly realized, those resources must be governed by those best-positioned to do so—those closest to inequity.

That is why we write to support the [Community First](#) campaign in its efforts to ensure a community-centered, transparent, and independent process to determine the disposition and governance of any philanthropic resources generated by the merger.

Specifically, we support the campaign’s [public comments](#) submitted on February 12, 2025 recommending that if the OHSU/Legacy merger is approved, the Attorney General should convene and oversee a planning process for governance and disposition of such resources.

We also urge the Community Review Board to hold a public hearing focused specifically on the proposed foundation. This is a significant transaction in and of itself; and, as emphasized above, has the potential for enormous impact on our constituents and community members.

They are entitled to participate in a public venue focused on this important opportunity. We greatly appreciate your work to ensure health equity for all Oregonians, and your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Members of the Oregon Legislative BIPOC Caucus

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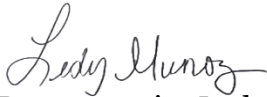
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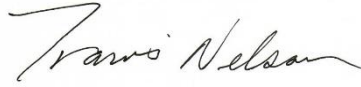
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