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Director Allen,

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to send you a quick message letting you know the conversations that have been brought to my attention within the last couple days regarding the Oregon Insurance Division. I have had several constituents, particularly the Morrow Health District contact me to let me know of a bill the feds recently passed that would affect health care. Part of the bill would have changed the large group definition from 100 employees to 50 employees. They pulled that from the bill and decided to leave it to each state to make the decision. It was shared that the decision in Oregon would be done within the next week. I would encourage the Insurance Division to keep the number at 100. For the Morrow Health District, it would mean upwards of a 14% increase in health benefits with reduced coverage should the change occur.

Please understand, I know I sometimes only hear one side of the coin, so if there is more to the situation, please let me know.

We appreciate you hard work.

Best Regards,

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