



“Our eight year old son Kenny has Cystic Fibrosis. If we didn’t have prescription drug coverage, his enzymes would be \$600 each month. Our situation isn’t unique. Many families struggle with caring for children who have chronic illnesses. I’m glad that our union took on the fight to make health care more affordable for all Oregonian families.”

Linda and Ken Ingham

DAS Print Shop/ DAS Custodian, Salem

the AFL-CIO all spoke out. Oregonians for Health Security did a great job providing expert testimony. We were the only union that had rank and file members testify.

While each member gave great testimony, Melany Hammang from DHS Winema stole the show. She had gone cubicle to cubicle in her office that morning gathering signatures on a petition in support of the legislation. Everyone who signed gave two pieces of information – number of family members and the amount their family spends monthly on prescriptions. The 47 families were spending \$3,972.35 each month for prescriptions.

A TREMENDOUS REMINDER OF THE POWER WE HAVE

Representatives Betty Komp (D: North Salem/Woodburn), Mitch Greenlick (D: NW Portland), and Senator Bill Morrisette (D: Lane County) showed leadership on the prescription drug issue, as they fought for a drug purchasing pool that would benefit all Oregonians. At the end of this hearing it was clear that because of the leadership our union provides, drug companies will be held accountable to Oregonians. Representative Billy Dalto (R: Salem) failed us by moving the bill to another committee where it died, rather than to the House for approval.