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# **ONE Voice for Child Care**

*A statewide collaboration of childhood care and education partners working together to improve the quality, accessibility and affordability of care and education available to Oregon's children and families.*

February 19, 2013

Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee:  
Senator Monnes Anderson, Chair and members of the Committee

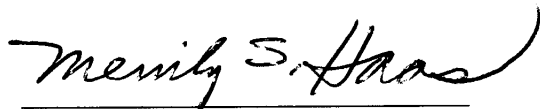
Regarding: SB 132

Thank you for considering this important step to increase the immunization levels of Oregon's children. By requiring additional education for parents on the risks and benefits of immunization, it is likely that more parents will give greater consideration to their decision not to immunize. When parents have all the facts rather than just taking the easy route of simply signing a form, they are more likely to choose immunization for their children.

As a group of early childhood advocates, we know that immunization levels are an important safeguard for those few children who are not able to be immunized for medical reasons. The bill gives options to parents to receive immunization education either through a medical provider or through an on-line education module. We believe that adding an education component to the current exemption policy is an important step forward for the health of all young children.

We strongly support SB 132.

Thank you,



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