

Dear Mitch,

Sunscreen became part of my daily routine after being diagnosed with Melanoma in May of 2013. You cannot begin to understand how frightening it is to be told you have Melanoma. I have never used a tanning bed, but throughout my life I have participated in activities that I enjoy, which enrich my life, almost exclusively the activities are in the beautiful warmth of the sun. Bike riding, skiing, swimming, hiking, fishing, tennis, and hours on the school playground, walking (to and from school as well as to friends houses, stores, banks, etc.) camping.

Never used sun screen for most of these activities.

Damage to skin is cumulative. Allowing children the choice to use Sunscreen and UPF clothing would protect their young and tender skin. They will also learn the importance of being 'SUN SMART,' which includes using sunscreen daily, covering up with clothing, seeking shade when possible, and basic awareness of skin cancer.

I encourage you to pass the bill, HB 304 that will be voted on, on March 11, for the well being of Oregon's school children.

Sincerely, an with concern,

Brenda Werrett

Melanoma Survivor

p.s.

With the help of SPF (sun protection factor) 30 and

UPF 50 (ultraviolet protection) hats and clothing I hope to remain Melanoma free. For me, the diligent use of Sunscreen and UPF clothing is the difference of living with peace or fear!