

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Ashlee Behunin and I am writing in support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools.

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Sincerely,

Ashlee Behunin

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Dana Strowbridge and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. While growing up in Eastern Oregon kids were expected to play outside and we didn't know about sunscreen. My skin tone is fair and I experienced severe burns. Teaching physical education at the elementary and middle school levels for 32 years along with additional coaching responsibilities such as soccer, softball and track added to my sun exposure. In the last 10 years, I have had six positive diagnoses of melanoma on my legs and my back.

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Sincerely,

Dana Strowbridge

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Mike Lit. I, my daughter and my ex-wife are melanoma survivors. I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. **This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays.**

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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Cary Gatton and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. [Note personal experience or professional interest in skin cancer.]

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Sincerely,

Cary Gatton

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Jane Silbernagel and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I was exposed to UV rays multiple times during my childhood before sun protection products were available. Consequently I have now had to have procedures to remove an Atypical Nevus (a type of mole that often turns into melanoma) and several pre-cancerous lesions.

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Sincerely,

Jane Silbernagel

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Kristina Browning and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I have struggled with melanoma my entire adult life because I didn't wear sunscreen as a child. To prevent kids from having quick and easy access during recess or on field trips is sentencing them to a life in fear of skin cancer.

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Sincerely,

Kristina Browning

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Natalee Maxfield and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. [Note personal experience or professional interest in skin cancer.]

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Sincerely,

Natalee Maxfield

Dear Member of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Judith Bunner and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. [Note personal experience or professional interest in skin cancer.]

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Sincerely,

Judith Bunner



Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

My name is Katie Wilkes and I am a 28-year-old melanoma survivor. Some of you I met in 2013 while testifying in support of the bill to ban minors from using indoor tanning beds. Thank you for your kind words at that time and for supporting that important initiative.

Today I'm writing to encourage you to support House Bill 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays.

As you may know, skin cancer is one of the deadliest forms of cancer in the US. It is also the most preventable. Oregon has disproportionately high rates of melanoma - the 5th highest incidence rate of melanoma – and the 4th highest death rate from melanoma – in the country. And yet many Oregonians aren't aware of the dangers of overexposure to UV radiation from the sun.

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Sincerely,

Katie Wilkes  
2030 NW Flanders Apt 107  
Portland, OR 97209

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Kelli Bell and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect my children and Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. This is particularly important to me as I am a current survivor of melanoma. As a child my parents were never well educated about protecting our skin from the sun. We never applied the appropriate amount of sun screen and never limited our time specifically from sun exposure. As a child I just focused on getting outside and having fun. My children now have a 50% likelihood of developing melanoma. I do as much as I possibly can to keep them protected and well educated about the importance of the sun's harmful rays and still encourage them to be active outside and be kids. In a world full of technology and video games, I don't want them to feel there is one more reason to stay inside.

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Please support HB 3041 and help make our schools safer for our children. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelli Bell

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Kenneth Bergman and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I personally have had melanoma and endured five years of medical treatments to (hopefully) get rid of it.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth H. Bergman  
525 A Street  
Ashland, OR 97520

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Karen Litvin. I am a melanoma cancer survivor and mother of two young sons.

I wholeheartedly support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools, and think it is a critical piece of legislation not to be taken lightly. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays.

I was diagnosed at age 36, when my oldest son was four months old. Through my educating family and friends, my father was immediately diagnosed with malignant melanoma that same year. As a result, my children have a very high predisposition to this terrifying illness. My oncologist has warned me of their sun exposure so much that my oldest child takes sunscreen, a sun hat and sunglasses to preschool with instruction for his teachers to apply before 30 minute recess. As caring teachers and parents working at a private school, they are more than happy and able to help guard his well-being. **The thought of my children not getting the protection and care they need later in public school due to state legislation is negligent on the behalf of all who would implement such restrictions. Melanoma is deadly.**

My cancer was preventable had I been educated and had I protected myself. I, as many Oregonians aren't aware of the dangers of overexposure to UV radiation from the sun and we dismiss the sun's dangers during overcast and mild seasons as we have in the Willamette Valley where I live. The sun comes out and we run into it with abandon—unless we know better and have the tools and support to protect our children and others who do not understand the threat of too much exposure.

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Please support HB 3041 and help make our schools safer for my children and all children.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and thoughtful dialogue about your important decision.

Sincerely,

Karen Litvin

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Mary Ann Miller and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I have had 7 carcinomas removed from my face in the past seven years and I am advised that these are not the last for me.

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Sincerely,

Mary Ann Miller  
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Lake Oswego, OR 97034  
440-725-0710

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Pace Bowers and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. Having gotten melanoma at 23 years old, this is of particular interest to me.

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Sincerely,

Pace Bowers

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Pamela Scherer, and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. In my daily practice as a dermatologist at The Portland Clinic, I am seeing many patients with skin cancer. Some of these patients are as young as 20 years old.

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Sincerely,

Pamela Scherer, MD

Pamela Morganroth Scherer, MD  
Dermatology Department

The Portland Clinic, Columbia and East  
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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Mary Olhausen and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. *I have personal experience with basal cell carcinoma – most likely attributed to my lack of sunscreen and sun protection as a child. I am interested in sun protection for children and adults as well, as I am the Executive Director for the Oregon Dermatology Society – serving physicians who treat dermatologic conditions.*

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Sincerely,

Mary A. Olhausen

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Dear Member of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Ellen Kuni and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I had too much sun exposure as a child/young adult and developed melanoma later in life. Protection from the sun is of paramount importance to our children.

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Sincerely,

Ellen Kuni

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Alyssa D. Abbey, PA-C. I am a physician assistant working in Dermatology for the last 8 years and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. [Note personal experience or professional interest in skin cancer.]

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Sincerely,

Alyssa Abbey

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BMC Dermatology, Bend OR

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Jeffrey W. Gaus and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I was recently diagnosed with Stage IA Melanoma and I believe my unprotected sun exposure as a child and young adult was a significant contributor to being stricken with cancer.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Gaus, CEO  
Prolifiq Software  
503.704.4211

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Heidi and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays.

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Sincerely,

Heidi Denham

March 10, 2015

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is \_Pat Shepherd\_ and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. My husband died as a result of this disease at the age of 39. It was probably contracted when he was in school.

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Sincerely,

*Patricia Shepherd*

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Portland, OR 97225

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Lewis Rothrock and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I have recently had a melanoma removed from my left arm so this is a very personal issue for me.

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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Caroleigh Elliott and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. Having personally been diagnosed with melanoma I am acutely aware of the damage early sun exposure can do, not to mention the emotional ramifications of having a diagnosis of cancer can cause later in life.

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Sincerely,

Caroleigh Elliott  
Portland, OR

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Mary Micheline and I support HB 3041. As a melanoma patient I'm personally acquainted with skin cancer. When I was a child in the 1960's, my parents and teachers did not realize what sun exposure would do to me in the future – but today there is no excuse for such ignorance. This important measure, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools, will help protect our children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. Skin cancer is one of the deadliest forms of cancer in the US. It is also the most preventable.

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Sincerely,

Mary Micheline  
Portland, OR



Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Bonnie Albright and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I have had 3 Melanoma's removed. One from my face, one from my shoulder and one from the top of my head. I am lucky so far that they have been "insitu" or thin, not very deep. That means that I am lucky to have found them early and lucky to be alive. Please make sun protection a priority for our children.

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Albright

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Sincerely,

Bob McCulloch

Dear Chairperson of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Marion Moore; I live in Ashland, OR. I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I am in my seventies and have had numerous problems with skin cancer, including a bout with melanoma. I believe children should be allowed, and in fact encouraged, to protect themselves from UV radiation at all times, including during school hours.

I ask that you support HB 3041 and help make our schools safer for our children. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marion Moore

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Anna Kate Malliris and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. This became a critical issue for me when my 24 year old native Oregonian daughter was diagnosed with Melanoma. As we live her experience as a cancer survivor at such a young age, I often think about all of the time she was in school when I could not protect her adequately from the sun as I did at home.

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Sincerely,

Anna Kate Malliris

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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Jon Hanifin and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. [Note personal experience or professional interest in skin cancer.]

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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Charlotte Tsai, MD, and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I am a practicing dermatologist who diagnoses and treats skin cancers, so I am very interested in the prevention of skin cancer.

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Sincerely,

Charlotte L. Tsai, MD  
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Kaiser Permanente, Northwest  
[charlotte.l.tsai@kp.org](mailto:charlotte.l.tsai@kp.org)

Dear Member of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Kim Sanders and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. As a Physician Assistant practicing in Dermatology for Oregon Health and Science University I know how important sun protection is, especially during your youth. Allowing children access to sun protection may lead to decreased rates of melanoma and therefore I strongly support this bill. As a mother of two, I take all precautions to help my children enjoy the sun safely and I am frustrated that my efforts are not supported by legislation and our schools.

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*Kim Sanders, MPAS, PA-C*

OHSU Department of Dermatology

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Heather Onoday, FNP, and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. I personally treat many young individuals who have not protected their skin from the sun and now have a diagnosis of skin cancer.

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Sincerely,

Heather Onoday, FNP  
Instructor, Department of Dermatology  
Oregon Health and Science University



Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Kathy Winek-Pippin, LPN and I support HB 3041, which permits access to sun protection in Oregon's schools. This is an important measure that will help protect Oregon's children from the dangers of overexposure to UV rays. [Note personal experience or professional interest in skin cancer.]

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