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Dear Senator Gelser and esteemed members of the committee;

I am writing to express my support for SB 687. As an Oregonian, American, mother and member of Oregonians for Medical Freedom, I feel that this bill is important and necessary to preserve the future rights of Oregonians.

Two years ago Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward attempted to pass SB 442, which would have removed the philosophical and religious exemptions for Oregon parents who wish to decline or delay some or all of the dozens of vaccinations on the current CDC schedule. Similar measures were introduced in states around the country, accompanied by a wave of media-fueled hysteria over "measles" and "anti-vaxxers."

It was because of this egregious infringement on parental and medical rights that our grassroots coalition, Oregonians for Medical Freedom, was formed. We are professionals and parents who are working to preserve our freedom and the freedom of future generations from a formidable, extremely wealthy group of corporations that have co-opted some level of control over not only our government institutions but our media, and hence have a strong influence on collective public opinion.

Vaccines are a multi-billion dollar industry, and many companies such as Merck are turning to vaccines as a way to make up for market loss as many blockbuster drugs go off patent. It is important to remember that vaccines are a pharmaceutical product made by corporations who are motivated first not by the good of public health, but by the profits of their shareholders.

Merck and other companies are now producing misleading commercials about vaccines, lobbying government officials to introduce vaccine-related policies, and creating a climate through its influence over the media to demonize those who don't comply with the government-recommended schedule.

SB 442, for example, was found to be a primary result of lobbying by a group called NACCHO, itself heavily funded by the CDC, which Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has called "a vaccine company," "a cesspool of corruption" and "a captured agency."

Because of these efforts to influence public opinion and public policy, we are now seeing the overstepping of bounds by agencies that were created to assist children who are in real, actual danger of abuse and neglect. Vaccination is considered a form of preventative healthcare and is an invasive medical procedure with real and admitted potential adverse reactions that must be decided upon by each parent for risk vs benefit ratio while taking into account the individual health status and genetic makeup of their child in partnership with a medical provider they know and trust. Declining or delaying one or multiple vaccinations should not be considered abuse or neglect.

These government organizations should not be called on to investigate and prosecute people for declining vaccination, as has been happening around the country thanks to the atmosphere of demonization and fear deliberately crafted by the aforementioned special interests. This is offensive to the inalienable rights of both parent and child, as well as a waste of taxpayer funds.

SB 687 would help preserve our rights to informed medical decision making for our children and future generations, clarify what constitutes abuse and neglect, and ensure that these agencies' resources are used for the purposes for which they are intended. Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

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