

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Dear Rep. Greenlick,

I am writing in strong support of HB2392 in Oregon. It is an important bill to support the access to sound for deaf and hard of hearing children in Oregon. We are parents of a deaf child who wears a hearing aid on one ear and a cochlear implant on the other. He has auditory neuropathy, which is one of the conditions that will have expanded coverage under this bill. We have fought hard to get him all the technology he needs through our insurance company, and have experienced a great deal of resistance to cover some of the essential medical equipment that contributes to his progress. We have bought out of pocket FM systems for him because our insurance company didn't provide sufficient coverage for this vital technology. When he was diagnosed as deaf, I thought he would never be able to speak and hear his father and I tell him how much we love him. Today, with the support of the hearing technology supported by this bill, he can talk and hear like other little kids. We need your support to move this bill forward!

Will you support our family by helping to move HB2392 forward to a work session?

Sincerely,

Lindsay and Javier Fernandez-Salvador