

Dear Senators Monnes Anderson and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee

Re: SB 215

I am here on behalf of Oregonians for Medical Freedom to express our opposition to Senate Bill 215. The bill appears to merely create a database to be used to benefit people who may have a rare disorder, but in reality, the bill lays the groundwork to create a system that, because of the confidentiality and immunity from liability provided, will only result in further potential erosion of the rights of Oregonians to determine their medical care.

Rare disorders are not restricted to state boundaries, and it would be wasteful and unnecessary to create a database limited to Oregon, when the National Institute of Health, The Center for Disease Control, the numerous national societies for rare disorders already have data available on a nationwide basis. I'm not a doctor, but it is my understanding that many competent doctors rely upon the NIH, the CDC, and searching through PubMed to get their information. How is this system going to be superior to what already exists and is available?

As drafted, a doctor can sign an Order for medical treatment for a rare condition, and thereafter, any other doctor or medical service provider that follows that order is immune from liability! There is no accountability and the potential of denying the patient's right to informed consent lies within the proposed legislation.

This proposed legislation is poorly drafted and vague, with a significant risk of infringing on patient's rights, rather than protecting patients' rights and their health.

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