

My name is Elissa Anderson and I am a small business owner, wife, and mother of three. I reside in Salem, Oregon.

I support SB649 because I believe that access to information is a right all consumers deserve to have. I believe that the greater transparency we have with our clients and customers, the greater trust we garner. Whether it be the ingredients in our food, our makeup, our vitamins, or our vaccines, we should be able to make a complete and educated decision on what we put in and on our bodies.

Opponents may argue that access to the manufacturer's insert is unnecessary as it is primarily for health care providers to understand proper dosing and administration. While this may be true, it also does nothing to increase the health literacy of our community, which is a goal that both the FDA and CDC are working toward. Furthermore, informed consent means having *all* of the facts and being able to make a decision on one's own after weighing the risks and benefits.

I personally have experienced receiving inaccurate information from an ill-informed health care provider multiple times on basic topics, such as the current vaccine schedule, required immunization doses by age, and the most recent, vaccine efficacy as stated by the vaccine manufacturer's insert. With accurate information made available to me at the time of the appointment, this could have been avoided.

Thank you for your consideration.

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