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Representative Andrea Salinas, Chair
Members, House Committee on Health Care

Re: Legacy Health Supports HB 3063

Legacy Health is a locally owned nonprofit health care provider in the Portland-Vancouver area and mid-Willamette Valley. We are an integrated network of care providers in over 100 primary care, urgent care and specialty care clinics and seven community-based, nationally recognized hospitals, including Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel. At Randall Children's Hospital, we provide vital health care to Oregon's children with over 100,000 patient visits last year and over 27,000 visits annually in Oregon's busiest children's emergency department.

We are committed to ensuring the health of children in Oregon. One very important step is to ensure that every child receives the immunizations recommended at the correct time. These immunizations save children's lives.

We regularly see patients with pertussis, influenza and invasive pneumococcal disease. Sadly, children die every year from preventable diseases like pertussis and influenza. In recent weeks, we have been seeing an outbreak of measles cases in Oregon and SW Washington, a disease that can be prevented through immunization.

It is indisputable that immunization has been one of the greatest medical success stories in history. The scourge of smallpox has been eradicated completely. Polio, which once crippled and killed tens of thousands of children annually, now only circulates in a few countries and is targeted for eradication. Bacterial meningitis incidence has dropped dramatically thanks to the introduction of three vaccines that combat various forms of this deadly disease. The list of diseases that have been nearly eliminated by vaccines is long and millions of lives have been saved as a result.

We urge you to support HB 3063.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kathryn Correia in black ink.

Kathryn Correia
President and Chief Executive Officer
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