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February 27, 2019 Oregon State Legislature Senate Committee on Health Care 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301 RE: Please support HB 3063!

Dear Lawmaker,

Hello, my name is Jae Hong and I am an interventional cardiologist and more importantly a mother in Medford writing to urge your support of HB 3063, which seeks to remove the nonmedical vaccine exemption from Oregon law.

Right now, Oregon and Southwest Washington are seeing first-hand the effects of the current measles outbreak on individuals, families, our caregivers and our community.

As a new mother of a 5 month old, I am in fear of taking my young child to a public place in Oregon in the setting of a recent Measles outbreak and I am angered that we as a society cannot protect the most vulnerable population (babies <1 yo and immunocompromised kids/adults) from illnesses that are completely preventable through vaccines because of a small population of misinformed parents. Right now 7.5% of children in kindergarten are unvaccinated, putting us below the community threshold. This is about protecting those who have NO CHOICE!

Despite what you may have heard, vaccines does not cause autism in children. Scientists at the CDC, the Institute of Medicine and other reputable entities have never found a credible link between the use of vaccines and autism in children.

Vaccines save lives. Please support HB 3063! Thank you,

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