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Dear Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

I am Metta Willey, from Portland, OR, writing to urge your support of HB 3063, which seeks to remove the non-medical vaccine exemption from Oregon law.

I am a pediatrician with Metropolitan Pediatrics who has seen the fallout from the measles outbreak. I have admitted children to the hospital, including the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for vaccine preventable diseases.

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.

This outbreak was preventable. Those who opt out of vaccinating their children could place other vulnerable members of the population, including infants and those with compromised immune systems, at greater risk for exposure.

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 are safe and yet vaccine exemption rates are increase in. Currently, 7.5% of children in kindergarten are unvaccinated. This leaves our communities vulnerable to outbreaks such as measles. If our vaccine rates fall any more, these outbreaks will become more frequent and more severe.

I ask the committee to please protect children's lives. Please support HB 3063.

Thank you,

Metta Willey, MD