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Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Please support HB 3063!

Dear Senator Rob Wagner and Representation Andrea Salinas:

Hello, my name is Sara Cannon and I am a Pediatrician at The Children's Clinic writing to urge your support of HB 3063, which seeks to remove the non-medical vaccine exemption from Oregon law.

I have been a pediatrician in the Portland community for the past 20 years. I believe vaccines not only are important to protect individuals, they are also important to protect communities. Vaccinating our whole community keeps all of us healthier. I have two children myself who I fully vaccinated to keep them safe from deadly infectious diseases, and to keep others who are too young for vaccines or have a weakened immune system safe as well.

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 do 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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