

June 25, 2020

To: Joint Committee on the First Special Session
From: Allan Niemi, Tigard, Oregon resident
RE: House Bill 4212 – Amend to include liability protections for COVID-19 claims

Dear Co-Chairs Kotek and Courtney,

My name is Allan Niemi. I live in Tigard, Oregon, and I urge you to support the inclusion of COVID-19 liability protections in House Bill 4212. My wife, Danielle Niemi, is an elementary school teacher at Mary Woodward Elementary in Tigard, Oregon, and I am concerned that even though teachers will be following the state and federal public health guidelines to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure for themselves, their students and other staff, they are still at risk of a potential lawsuit from others saying that they didn't go far enough.

One lawsuit could greatly impact and cripple our school district and individual teachers when all they are trying to do is provide a top-notch education for their students.

I urge you to support the inclusion of COVID-19 liability protections in House Bill 4212.

Thank you.

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