## To Members of the Committee:

I am a Portland Resident, Libertarian Organizer/Activist, and occasional medical investigative journalist. I ask this testimony be committed to the OLIS legislative record of tomorrow's hearing.

This Wednesday, the Committee is considering the appointment of Niknam Eshraghi and Eric Evans to the Oregon Medical Board. Eshraghi is a Burn Specialist at the Oregon Clinic where he uses hypnotism, Virtual Reality, psylocybin, and laughing gas to treat burns. Eric Evans is a Podiatrist with Kaiser Permanente. These are highly specialized doctors with an extremely narrow focus asked to consider medical licensing topics for the Medical Board far beyond Evans and Eshragi's training and specialty. The Legislature should vet these doctors for their capacity to be fair to other doctors in Oregon and for their support of the Nuremberg Code's principles of informed consent, which is currently not the practice of the corrupted Oregon Medical Board.

Currently, the Oregon Medical Board is facing a high-profile \$35 Million dollar defamation lawsuit by a Portland Pediatrician named Dr. Paul Thomas who has broad grassroots support. The Medical Board's conduct is highly disturbing and far beyond its mandate. As an Oregonian, I have zero respect for or faith in the current Medical Board membership or leaders given the Board's conduct. As background, Dr. Thomas's practice provided informed consent to parents regarding the current recommended vaccine schedule; specifically, he questioned the risk/benefit of administering the Hepatitis B vaccine to newborns, as they had no infection risk (the virus is transmitted via sex and dirty needles - not typical exposures for babies) and advocated an alternative schedule spacing out and delaying certain vaccines in order to avoid toxic shock to the immune system. Dr. Thomas noted there were no studies showing the cumulative toxic effect of the overall schedule. Dr. Thomas also did not turn away unvaccinated children from his practice, which I consider to be the ethical practice. Doctors who turn away patients and would like them to suffer or let a medical situation get worse are not doctors in my view, especially as I have a death in my family due to a "vaccine" and I myself was hospitalized once after an unnecessary meningitis shot that gave me meningitis.

The Oregon Medical Board did not receive any complaints from Dr. Thomas's practice. Instead, these came from the vaccine manufacturer Merck who paid actors to pose as parents and complain to the board with phony complaints. The fake complaint lead to the board demanding of Dr. Thomas that he provide research to support the value of informed-consent. Thomas complied by pairing up with a biostatician named James Lawrence Weiler. The two conducted an elegant retrospective controlled matched study of patients in Dr. Thomas's practice who had received the recommended vaccine schedule, the modified vaccine schedule, and no vaccines against a number of clinical outcomes: number of medical visits, frequency of ear infections, frequency of ADD, frequency of Autism, etc. The Peer-reviewed study was published in November 2020 (PMID 33266457) and it concluded the current vaccine schedule is associated with a massively significant increase in chronic conditions associated with autoimmune defects and immune deficiency. It also concluded that unvaccinated children rarely developed these conditions and had overall better health outcomes. This became controversial and political pressure was put on the journal editors (who depend on pharmaceutical industry advertising) to retract the study, which they did.

Science is not a democracy, and medical boards and journals shouldn't fall to tactics suitable to the Inquisition, but that's exactly what happened. The Oregon Medical Board decided to "Cancel" Dr. Thomas by defaming him in the media. It made up a story that Dr. Thomas had failed to vaccinate a child who subsequently was hospitalized with tetanus. This was libel and slander. The truth was the child was not Dr. Thomas's patient and had been admitted to OHSU with tetanus, but the hospital could not discharge the child without scheduling a follow-up visit with an outpatient pediatric practice and listing a pediatrician of record. Over the course of a month, the hospital called around to Portland-area pediatricians, none of whom would accept the child into their practice because the child was unvaccinated. Dr. Thomas was the only Doctor who would accept the child. In my opinion,

the Medical Board should suspend the licenses of all the evil doctors who refused to see a sick child and would rather let that child suffer on the basis of a religious ideology of vaccine benefit - especially those doctors who turned away the child affilated with a notable Oregon health system called "Samaritan." Dr. Thomas saw the child exactly once and he was healthy.

In December 2021, the Medical Board suspended Dr. Thomas's license on the basis of conducting research whose results the Brobdingnagian Healthcare Establishment didn't like. Since when is that a crime? The current nominee to the board (Dr. Eshraghi) is conducting research by giving burn patients altered states of consciousness, which is not the "standard of care." Medicine is practiced, which is exactly what Dr. Thomas did. The evidence for evidence-based medicine is that it is inferior to experientially-based medicine. The medical board agreed to a settlement with Dr. Thomas that he couldn't practice research and disavow his own observations of the negative impacts of certain vaccines on his patients - much like the Pope's astronomer requiring Galileo publicly proclaim that the Sun moves around the Earth. Cancelling Dr. Thomas from the medical registry has widespread impacts, as Dr. Thomas is also the author of one of the best books used in addiction medicine. The Board's actions have helped discredit work that has helped thousands with substance use recovery.

This action created a massive chilling effect so Oregon doctors will not come forward and blow the whistle about how flawed and rigged "standards of care" influenced by regulatory capture by the Pharmaceutical industry of guidelines bodies are injuring and KILLING OREGONIANS. This should be a matter of concern to Oregonians and the legislature. Fixing the medical board begins with asking hard questions of proposed nominees. I urge the Rules committee to ask Dr's Eshragi and Evans how they would resolve the Paul Thomas affair and whether it is appropriate for the Medical Board to use taxpayer funds and the power of government to engage in a defamatory P/R campaign and witch hunt against a respected Portland pediatrician for the crime of caring about the health of his patients. After that, the Legislature should take a broader view of the implications of Dr. Thomas's research in terms of setting health policy. The state funds a massive medical research university. Perhaps the state could fund independent and well-designed clinical trials of vaccines that are not sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry.

As it is, the medical board only has my distrust. I am not alone. This has political implications for members of the legislature.

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