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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1529

I am learning the language of SB1529 (originally identification verification for purchase of Sudafed) went through drastic last-minute changes in the Senate Health Care Committee, without public knowledge or transparency, with the dash-two "-2" amendment additions.

I understand that this bill now includes "or any other public health concern," as its definition, which could literally mean ANYTHING. If I understand it correctly, with the new wording the OHA Director could use "anything" he/she deems acceptable as the reason to call for an emergency. I am trying to grasp how this is possible.

What makes this an even bigger insult to injury? The current director of OHA, Patrick Allen, is serving beyond his term (ORS 236.140, ORS 171.562, and ORS 171.565). I cannot comprehend how or why you want to give more power to a person or agency that doesn't even follow their own rules! Please review Federal case 3:22-CV-00093-AC against Patrick Allen and Kate Brown. All the information is there. Patrick Allen was last confirmed by senate 9/25/2017. His 4-year term is EXPIRED with no named successor. It's time to take a step back and hold OHA accountable for not even having their own house in order, not give them more unchecked power.

Vote NO and withdraw support on 1529. This bill should go back to its original intent; a requirement to see identification during a Sudafed sale. People can understand and appreciate that.