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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB414

I strongly support Senate Bill 414, relating to indoor air quality.

My son currently attends kindergarten in an Oregon public school, and his little brother will be entering kindergarten in 2024. In their short lives, these children have already faced a pandemic and growing wildfires, both of which could have long-term impacts on their health; and since the start of this school year, they have been ill nearly every other week, which has prevented them from participating in many educational and social activities that are a necessary part of a healthy childhood. The impact on their attendance in school has also been a significant burden on my husband and I as working parents. I am hearing similar stories from nearly every other parent I speak with. Any measure that can be taken to reduce the spread of illnesses and smoke inhalation in our public schools must be done for the health, safety, and financial stability of our children, educators, and families.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachael Fisher