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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3090

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Goodwin, and members of the committee,

My name is Marie Boman-Davis, PhD, MPH, MCHES and I am a first-generation tobacco prevention advocate and college graduate. In my experience over the past thirty years, statewide policy changes have been the most effective method to significantly reduce initiation of commercial nicotine use, reduce exposure to secondhand and thirdhand smoke and protect the health of generations.

My three children, who identify as BIPOC, have grown up in smokefree environments including playgrounds, schools, and restaurants. Unfortunately, they have also been the target of the “Juul generation”, the countless flavors, and technological advances that allow for uncontrolled amounts of nicotine exposure to the body and brain. They have watched their peers become addicted and dual users with combustible tobacco.

My youngest, Sicily, is a sixth-grade student in Washington County, OR and a second-generation tobacco prevention advocate. Sicily had the honor of being trained by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids with other passionate young people. Their stories about youth tobacco and nicotine addiction and the vaping epidemic were powerful and the call to action was clear.

I am writing you today at the request of my youngest, on behalf of these young people, and in dedication to the creation of the first tobacco-free generation. I urge you to support HB 3090 today.

Good Health,
Marie Boman-Davis