

February 4, 2024

House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, Oregon

RE: Support for House Bill 4010 Section 2

Chair Nosse and members of the committee,

I am writing to you as a parent who supports HB 4010 Section 2, allowing local pharmacists to continue favoring children's medication.

We have a 15-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter. When she was younger, our daughter had experienced consistent ear infections and had no choice in the flavoring of her antibiotics.

During those difficult times, it was a struggle to get her to take the medication. She complained about the flavor and resisted taking it – one more thing that made being sick that much worse. Not only would choosing the flavoring increase the likelihood of her tolerating the medicine, but it would have also been an important moment of decision-making in a situation that was otherwise out of her control. Little things like that make a big difference, especially in times like that.

Trying to give both children medication that tasted awful was a terrible task, making my job as a mom even harder. Please consider and support our little ones who need a bit of flavor to take their medicine and the parents who are doing their best to help them get better.

I appreciate your attention to Oregon parents' concerns.

Sincerely,



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