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Chair Neron and Members of the House Education Committee,

Good afternoon, my name is Craig Broberg. I am a practicing cardiologist at the Knight Cardiovascular Institute at the Oregon Health and Science University, as well as the current Governor-Elect of the Oregon Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (ACC). Today, I am testifying to lend my **full support to House Bill 2529**, sponsored by Representative Grayber.

House Bill 2529 will require public and private schools to develop cardiac emergency response plans (CERP) to respond to incidents involving an individual who is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest while on school grounds or participating in an athletic practice or event. House Bill 2529 is critical to ensure student and community safety.

Cardiac arrest can happen anywhere, at any time. More than 23,000 children under 18 experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year. Having a comprehensive plan, like a CERP, with a trained team in place to respond to sudden cardiac arrest can make the difference between life and death.

A CERP can be a stand-alone guideline or merged with a school's existing medical emergency response plans. It can also be used by school personnel, healthcare providers, boards of education, and school safety advocates. Additionally, a CERP requires all schools to have and maintain an AED on-site. There have been too many cases across our state where individuals fall victim to sudden cardiac arrest due to delayed intervention, resulting in profound incapacity or death. Many of these lives could have been saved by immediate action and the use of an AED. House Bill 2529 ensures the AED is ready for use in an emergency, securing the safety of students, school staff, and visitors.

I urge the committee to pass House Bill 2529. Equipping our schools with AEDs and school responders who are trained in sudden cardiac arrest response will save lives and strengthen our communities.

Thank you.

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