

**Testimony Submitted by
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Regarding: Support for HB 4092

Chair Sosa, Vice-Chair Chaichi, Vice-Chair Osborne, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Angela Donley. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Oregon Consumer Justice in support of HB 4092.

Oregon Consumer Justice (OCJ) envisions a vibrant future where all Oregonians live with dignity and abundance and experience health, joy, and economic opportunity. We work collaboratively across policy and advocacy, community engagement, and the law, to realize a more just and equitable Oregon where people come first. For too long, flawed systems and policies have stood in the way of this reality, with communities of color most often experiencing significant harm. Informed by consumer insights, OCJ works to make financial and business transactions reliably safe and supports Oregonians in knowing and exercising their consumer rights.

Every parent should be able to trust that the products they buy to protect their children are safe, reliable, and meet federally established safety standards. When families purchase a child safety product, especially one as essential as a car seat, safety is the expectation.

Consumer trust depends on honesty and accountability in the marketplace. When there's an implication of safety but no guarantee, the risk of harm increases dramatically, undermining confidence in the system.

Child seat safety is a top priority for parents and for society as a whole. In fact, it is one of the first and most critical safety measures following birth. A safe, properly functioning, standards-compliant car seat is used from the moment a baby leaves the hospital. The expectation is that car seats sold in the United States meet federal

standards, and consumers reasonably assume that products available for purchase are safe and will not put children in direct harm. Yet, some online retailers are advertising and selling children's car seats that do not meet federal or Department of Transportation safety standards. When online retailers sell noncompliant car seats without clear disclosure, parents unknowingly place their children at serious risk.

HB 4092 addresses this serious safety gap by prohibiting retail platforms that market in Oregon from advertising or selling child safety systems that do not comply with federal and Department of Transportation standards. By placing violations under Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act, HB 4092 ensures meaningful accountability through consumer-led enforcement. This oversight creates a strong incentive for retailers to be transparent and to remove unsafe products from the marketplace.

Parents deserve clear information about product safety when making purchasing decisions for their children. HB 4092 is a straightforward, common-sense measure that will protect children, equip parents with accurate information, and reinforce basic safety expectations in the marketplace. It ensures that families can make informed decisions and trust in the enforcement of safety standards, rather than relying on assumptions.

Thank you for your consideration and your service in building the future that Oregonians deserve