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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

Dear Senate Committee on Health Care,

I am an Oregon resident, a mother and a health care worker. I oppose this bill because it overrides individual rights, parental rights, and the patient/doctor relationship. It gives authority to unelected public health officials who should not be making broad, personal health care decisions for individuals and who should not be imposing medical mandates. Mandates are unethical because they violate informed consent. Medicine is not one size fits all. Individuals and their doctors should make medical decisions based on a patient's unique medical history. Mandates override this process.

As an Oregonian, I am tired of having to once again stand up for my right to have medical freedom over my body and the bodies of my children. Mandates have no business in medicine. Politicians who stand up for medical freedom and individual rights will continue to have my support. Please vote no on SB1598.

Thank you for your time!

Angela Gunther