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I am an immunocompromised individual who suffers from long COVID and is on an immune-suppressing biologic drug. Having access to the COVID vaccine is crucial to my wellbeing. Last fall, when Oregon failed to act in a timely and decisive manner that would ensure vaccine access for Oregonians, this led to confusion, anxiety, and fear for people who urgently needed the vaccine. Some even sought out vaccine access in other states. This is unacceptable. Under the current administration, it's crucial that the Oregon legislature makes decisions that are grounded in science and protect the health and wellbeing of Oregonians. Don't listen to the voices of antivaxxers whose fringe beliefs are not aligned with science or good public health policy. No one is being forced to take vaccinations. This will just ensure that people who choose to follow science, medicine, and public health recommendations will have access to the vaccinations they need. Please vote in support of this bill.