

February 9, 2026

Re: SB 1598: Vaccine access

Position: Support

Chair Patterson and members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

I strongly support SB 1598. I don't need to repeat the many reasons this is important - others are doing this. I will just speak of my own experience:

- As someone who experienced polio as a young person and saw my brother hospitalized with polio, I know the devastating impact of illnesses that can now be prevented
- As someone who works in children's programs at the Family Promise Homeless Shelter, I see the vulnerability of these children if vaccines are not readily available.
- At this time, it is essential that our state take these moves to protect our people - we cannot rely on federal decisions or orders to do this.

Thank you for your service,

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