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In the last 5 years we've seen very clearly what happens when government mandates try and override the doctor-patient relationship. Medical decisions must be left to individuals to decide the best course for them and their families. Doctors must not be coerced or mandated by government. Corrupting political and economic forces do not have a place in informing decisions around a citizen's bodily autonomy and we must draw clear lines to make it so. This is not a political issue. Parents have ultimate and complete decision making power over their children's health and Oregon has long protected that right. Do not let recent history and the mistakes of the Covid response allow a further deterioration of those established and most important rights.