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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

I strongly urge the Committee to vote NO on SB 1598.

This bill represents a significant overreach into personal medical decision making for Oregonians. By requiring health benefit plans to comply with current and future federal rules and recommendations, SB 1598 removes essential flexibility from patients, physicians, and health plans, while concentrating authority within the government.

Medical decisions in Oregon should be made by individuals in partnership with their trusted healthcare providers, NOT mandated by the state. Physicians and other licensed healthcare professionals are best positioned to determine appropriate care for their patients, and government directives should NOT override clinical judgment or patients right to choice.

SB 1598 undermines medical autonomy and sets a concerning precedent for increased government involvement in personal healthcare decisions. Many Oregonians value medical freedom and the ability to make informed healthcare choices based on their individual needs and circumstances.

I respectfully but firmly oppose SB 1598 and urge the Committee to reject this bill. Oregonians will not support legislation that erodes medical freedom or expands government control over personal healthcare decisions.

Please vote NO on SB 1598.