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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1598. As a pediatrician committed to evidence-based medicine and public health, I believe this legislation is essential to protect patients and communities from preventable diseases. Maintaining consistent, science-based vaccine coverage is fundamental to disease prevention and health equity. Routine childhood immunization alone prevents over 24 million cases of vaccine-preventable disease annually in the United States. Additionally, Pharmacy-based vaccination particularly benefits underserved populations by reducing geographic, temporal, and logistical barriers to care. This bill represents evidence-based policy that protects public health, reduces healthcare costs, and expands equitable access to life-saving preventive care. I urge you to support its passage.

Sincerely,

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