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On Behalf Of:
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I am strongly opposing the Oregon SB 1598 measure. This is completely unacceptable. This will grant broad power to unelected public health officials to make decisions affecting all of us, without further legislation or public debate. This will invoke statewide one-size-fits-all medical orders without individual consent. And not only personal consent, it removes the ability of doctors to make decisions in the best interest of their patients. The very health experts needed to make informed decisions WITH their patients. What happened to "My body, My choice"? Is that being thrown out once again for unlawful mandates? Clearing the way once again for vaccine requirements to affect access to schools — without another legislative vote. How much more harm are you willing to inflict our children with that have not even recovered from the last mandate debacle? With taxpayer-funded mandates, it compels insurance companies and taxpayer-supported public programs to pay in full for vaccines and health services. This is so wrong and is not about our health nor our healthcare. When power and decision-making is centralized and accountability is eliminated, parental choice, medical discretion, and informed choice are weakened. This is not anti-medicine. This is about who decides and who profits. Please stop this harmful measure in its tracks.

Respectfully submitted,