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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Healthcare,

I am a public health professional, pharmacy technician and constituent writing in strong support of SB1598.

SB 1598 is critically important because it protects and strengthens access to immunizations for Oregonians who want them. Vaccines do not just protect individuals — they protect our communities and reduce the burden illness brings to our economy and healthcare system.

Access to all vaccines recommended to me by my doctor is of the utmost importance as a healthcare worker with medical conditions that put me at risk for illness. I have been fortunate to receive recommended vaccines at my doctor's office, local pharmacy, and at community vaccination clinics all covered under my insurance. Preserving this access and ensuring all Oregonians have these options available to them without concern for timely and affordable care is the issue at stake. SB 1598 helps prevent dangerous gaps in access. Families should not have to wait for the law to catch up while children and communities are left exposed to preventable diseases.

When immunizations are delayed, denied, or inconsistently covered, families face unnecessary access barriers, confusion on recommendations and are left at risk for illness. SB 1598 provides clarity and consistency so families are free to make their own health decisions based on science and medical guidance — not insurance loopholes or outdated statutes.

SB 1598 reflects Oregon's longstanding commitment to science-based public health policy, family well-being, and community responsibility. Protecting preventive health services, especially immunization access, is not about politics — it is about keeping kids healthy, parents informed, and our communities resilient.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support and pass SB 1598.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the health of Oregon families.

Sincerely,
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