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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

I am submitting this written testimony in opposition to bill SB1598. This bill in its current form, would allow broad powers to be placed in the hands of an (unelected) official to make far reaching decisions affecting every person in our state. I'm especially concerned that this could allow this official to potentially mandate vaccines in order for children to attend schools or people to have a job. This is unconstitutional and overrides the right of Oregonians to make healthcare decisions on their own. There is an inherent risk to vaccines and whenever there is a risk, people should have the right to make a choice what is best for their health and for their children's health. If a mandate like this were to come out, we would be forced out of this state. We love Oregon, contribute to our society, and do not want to leave this beautiful place. Please do not allow this bill to become law. Thank you.