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On Behalf Of:
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Dear members of the Senate Committee on Health,

I have an autoimmune condition that is treated with immune suppressing medication. My husband has a high-risk vascular condition which puts him at increased risk of stroke. We also have 3 children that attend public school here in Oregon. It is extremely important for our entire family to be able to receive vaccinations in a timely and affordable manner. The fall of 2025 was filled with uncertainty and difficulty when we tried to access COVID-19 vaccinations. We were at first turned away in Oregon, told that pharmacies were not authorized to vaccinate anyone, high risk or not, with the COVID-19 vaccine. I had then decided to try driving out of state in order to access this vaccine. We were eventually successful in receiving our COVID-19 vaccine in Washington State, but not without a considerable amount of time, effort, and money spent on this attempt to vaccinate our family. We need to be able to be free to protect ourselves against the non-stop spread of COVID-19, especially when we, the sole caregivers of our 3 children, are at high risk of severe disease from COVID-19 and when our children attend school in an environment that is rife with the disease all year long.

Thank you for your time,

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