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Senate Committee On Health Care
Oregon State Senate
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Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Graff, and I am writing today in support of Senate Bill 1598 and evidence-based practices in our state. I am a pediatrician and ensuring access to immunizations is important to me because vaccines are our best protection to prevent many infectious diseases. We have an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence to support the safety and efficacy of this preventative modality. It helps kids to grow better since they do not have to fight off these diseases and protects others in our community from catching the diseases. Vaccines not only improve health but save money on what is then needed to treat the diseases and lost time from school/work.

As misinformation and fear are beginning to infiltrate what we can do as scientists, our citizens are suffering. This will only get worse as the outbreaks of measles and whooping cough are proof of. Please support academic research and science as the best and most financially responsible ways to protect public health.

This bill is an important step to ensure Oregonians have the choice to access vaccines. I urge your support of Senate Bill 1598.

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