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As an OBGYN, I have seen the benefits that vaccines provide - whether it's preventing covid in a pregnant woman, and thus preventing her from being hospitalized or needing an emergency cesarean, or whether it's providing a pregnant woman with the RSV vaccine and protecting her newborn from a severe infection that could lead to hospitalization or even death.

As a physician, I also strongly support evidence-based practice guidelines and greatly appreciate the West Coast Health Alliance stepping up to provide those. I feel strongly that Oregon must do whatever it takes to protect the public's access to vaccines, the most helpful life-saving tool that we have in medicine. We have the right to make our own decisions about vaccines and not have those decisions limited by red tape and government.

Please support SB 1598.

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