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TO: Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government
FROM: David Wieland, Policy and Advocacy Director, Our Children's Oregon
SUBJECT: In Support of HB 4092

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is David Wieland and I am the Policy and Advocacy Director at Our Children Oregon. We convene over 135 child serving organizations in the state to build a shared agenda to address child well-being, and I'm here on behalf of this coalition that has included HB 4092 on the Children's Agenda for 2026.

We respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of House Bill 4092 A, legislation that would prohibit the sale of child safety systems that do not comply with federal safety standards and require retailers to clearly disclose compliance information to Oregon families.

As we've heard, counterfeit and non-compliant car seats represent an alarming and escalating threat to child safety across the United States and here in Oregon. This escalation coincides with the fact that online shopping has become the primary marketplace for these products. Families purchase counterfeit car seats not out of negligence but because they are deceived by sophisticated counterfeiting operations and inadequate marketplace protections, and economic pressure.

House Bill 4092 provides comprehensive protections against counterfeit and non-compliant car seats by creating accountability at multiple points in the retail chain:

- Prohibiting Non-Compliant Sales: The bill prohibits retailers from selling or offering for sale any child safety system that does not meet federal standards

(FMVSS 213) or standards adopted by the Oregon Department of Transportation. This establishes a clear legal standard and prevents dangerous products from reaching Oregon families.

- Platform Operator Accountability: Critically, HB 4092 holds retail platform operators responsible for what is sold through their marketplaces. Platforms cannot permit retailers to advertise or sell child safety systems unless those retailers affirmatively disclose compliance with federal safety standards. This addresses the current gap where major online platforms allow third-party sellers to offer dangerous products without verification.
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirements: The bill requires retailers to clearly and conspicuously disclose in any advertisement or offer whether a child safety system complies with federal safety standards. Clear and conspicuous disclosure means the information must be separated from other text or images and presented in a font, color, size, or capitalization that calls an average casual reader's attention to it. This transparency empowers families to make informed decisions.
- Enforcement Through Unlawful Trade Practices Act: By classifying violations as unlawful practices under Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act, HB 4092 provides robust enforcement mechanisms and remedies. This ensures meaningful consequences for those who endanger children by selling non-compliant products.

As an organization committed to building equitable futures for all Oregon children, we recognize that the counterfeit car seat crisis disproportionately impacts families facing economic hardship. Lower-income families, families navigating language barriers, and families with limited access to brick-and-mortar retail options are particularly vulnerable to counterfeit products marketed through online platforms.

This economic hardship is pervasive and families are particularly susceptible. Recent surveys have found that nearly half of families with young children face economic hardship nationwide.¹

¹ Geduld, Amanda, [Survey: Nearly Half of Families with Young Kids Struggling to Meet Basic Needs](#).

The economic pressures that drive families toward affordable online purchases should not result in their children being placed in life-threatening danger. All Oregon children, regardless of their family's economic circumstances, deserve the protection of genuine, safety-tested car seats. HB 4092 A helps level the playing field by requiring transparency and accountability in the marketplace, ensuring that the car seats available to Oregon families—whether purchased at premium or discount prices—meet rigorous federal safety standards. HB 4092 A is a must pass, and we urge the legislature to continue to address the economic pressure that forces these challenges for families.

Our Children Oregon urges the committee to support HB 4092 A. Thank you for your time,

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