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I am an Oregonian and a member of the Oregon Working Families Party who gets my flu and COVID vaccines each year, and I support SB 1598 to protect our rights to access vaccines without being forced to go through a physician. If SB 1598 does not pass and Oregonians' vaccine access is restricted, it will mean that hundreds of thousands of people who want to receive routine vaccines will not be able to get them, or will be delayed by the red tape and expense of having to see a physician to get vaccinated. Delays during which COVID and flu will run rampant throughout our state and the entire PNW region, and people will die. SB 1598 is a public health and safety bill that protects working people, disabled people, retirees, young people, and all of Oregon. This bill must be passed to secure access to these basic, tested, and proven vaccines, for the health and safety of us all.