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My name is Kelly Rose Lavery, and I support vaccine access. I'm writing in support of Senate Bill 1598.

This bill provides important protections for vaccine access in Oregon. I was 7 months pregnant last fall when the updated COVID vaccine came out, and, in my condition, it was important that my family be vaccinated. I tried my best to figure out where and how we could get a vaccine, and if there would be a cost we would have to account for. My husband hit a roadblock when a prescription was required because he didn't have a primary care physician at the time and was unable to obtain a prescription. When we are trying to prevent disease, especially when someone in our family is immunocompromised, every day that we delay matters and puts us at risk.

This bill will allow our state to act quickly to protect vaccine access in the future. Please support Senate Bill 1598 so families like mine can choose vaccines.

Please pass Senate Bill 1598 - vaccines are safe, effective, and popular.