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Dear Committee members -

Thank you for taking the time today to address this important issue affecting all people in Oregon. I am a pediatrician in Lake Oswego passionate about the health of every child and their families.

I have too many times seen patients get vaccine-preventable diseases. These younger children were not able to make the decision to get vaccinated as the decision lies in the hands of their parents. They suffer and even die unnecessarily. They deserve to be protected. Many of these kids, when they are old enough and more educated on the subject, come back to me and choose to get vaccinated!

Certainly, there are a very small number of people who should not be vaccinated due to medical contraindications. However, the vast majority of us should be vaccinated. It protects our own health as well as the people around us. WE can protect those who can't be immunized due to medical reasons...

...infants under 12 months old from getting measles

...the 10-year-old girl on chemotherapy from getting chicken pox

...and the elderly grandpa from getting influenza from the grandson he cares for after school

We KNOW that vaccines are well-studied and safe. They saved more lives than any other public health innovation developed in the 20th century! More than antibiotics and X-rays!! Most people around the world would be begging for this amazing technology we have at our fingertips.

Please make the decision that the vulnerable cannot make. Protect them from getting sick and getting others sick.

Thank you sincerely  
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