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Hello, my name is Jason Weinstein and I am a charge nurse in the Surgery and Outpatient Infusion departments at a critical access hospital in Florence. I am writing to urge your support of HB 3063, which seeks to remove the non-medical vaccine exemption from Oregon law.

I frequently care for patients that, for medical reasons are not able to receive vaccines and/or have compromised immune systems that make them much more susceptible to serious, contagious diseases. I am also a parent of an infant that is not old enough to receive some vaccines, such as the measles vaccines. As a caring community, it is our responsibility to protect all individuals including young children, people with compromised immune systems, and others who medically cannot protect themselves.

Increased vaccination rates help us protect our entire community and move us closer to herd immunity so we can avoid problems like the current measles outbreak in Oregon and SW Washington, which is negatively affecting individuals, families, our caregivers and our community.

This outbreak was preventable. Those who opt out of vaccinating their children could place other vulnerable members of the population, including infants and those with compromised immune systems, at greater risk for exposure.

Despite what you may have heard, vaccines do not cause autism in children. Scientists at the CDC, the Institute of Medicine and other reputable entities have never found a credible link between the use of vaccines and autism in children.

Vaccines save lives. Please support HB 3063!

Thank you

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