

My name is Dr. Chanda Costello and I am a practicing dentist from Tualatin, Oregon. I am here to urge you to vote in favor of SB 649, which would provide informed consent to patients seeking to obtain a vaccination for themselves or their children.

ORS chapter 677.097 of the Medical Practice Act outlines the legal requirements of informed consent in Oregon:

677.097 Procedure to obtain informed consent of patient.

(1) In order to obtain the informed consent of a patient, a physician or physician assistant shall explain the following:

- (a) In general terms the procedure or treatment to be undertaken;
- (b) That there may be alternative procedures or methods of treatment, if any; and
- (c) That there are risks, if any, to the procedure or treatment.

I believe that failing to provide information such as the package inserts or ingredients in vaccines damages a patient's trust in their physician. Patients will instead turn to google to provide medical information, and will be quite alarmed when they find the information themselves. I believe this lack of informed consent is part of the reason for the vaccine hesitancy that we so often see in patients.

Patients are more confident in their physician and in the quality of their health care when they are educated. This bill bridges a much needed gap in allowing patients information on their vaccines just as they are given information on medications they are prescribed. I believe that patients need to have fully informed consent before undergoing any medical procedure and this bill will allow for that by providing information that is not currently provided.

This bill is of particular importance to me, as several years ago I suffered a severe reaction to a vaccine due to the presence of thimerosal in the vaccine. I have a family history of allergies to this preservative and had I simply seen a list of ingredients used prior to me receiving this vaccine I would have been able to have a conversation with my doctor that would likely have saved me from months of costly medical treatments and suffering.

I believe this bill is important because it will help restore the communities faith in the vaccines they are prescribed as well as help avoid vaccine injuries such as I myself suffered. I urge you to support it.

Thank you.