



Senate Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Senate
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Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the committee,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Oregon Families for Vaccines in support of Senate Bill 1030. Oregon Families for Vaccines is a statewide, parent-led advocacy group working toward a state where immunizations are easily accessible for all who want them. We work closely with a broad set of partners in the healthcare space and support policies that increase access to vaccinations.

Access to vaccines for all throughout their lifespan is critical to preventing disease outbreaks and keeping our communities healthy. We know that older populations are at an increased risk for complications from respiratory diseases, and those living in assisted or congregate care are at higher risk of transmission of these diseases. Residents who may be unable to leave the facility can benefit greatly from programs that bring vaccines to them.

Vaccines are safe and effective at preventing severe illness and hospitalization, especially for those most at risk. Programs that allow, for example, retail pharmacists to come on-site to administer vaccines to those who want them allow for greater access to immunizations with only minimal assistance from the facility to collect consent and guide residents to the vaccination area.

This is an easy way to reduce barriers to immunizations and prevent the spread of disease in some of our most vulnerable communities. Please support reducing barriers to access to vaccines and support Senate Bill 1030.

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