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To the members of the Oregon Senate Committee on Education,

Gio started preschool this year and I am a little nervous to have him there for several reasons, as you can well imagine. The only thing that makes it easier is that he goes to the school that I teach at, so I'm always there in the same school while he is in preschool. I was told by the nurse that the only person who could give Gio his emergency medication (Solu-Cortef injection) was her and myself.

Now, I am always there, as I said, but what if I weren't there? What if I took the day off because I was sick or had an appointment? The nurse has several schools she is assigned to, so she is not there all the time. She is only there 1 day per week. So, if my son were to need his emergency injection with neither myself or the nurse there, I would have to rely on the paramedics or firemen to rush to the school to give my son the shot. Now, keep in mind that they do not carry the shot and would also need to locate my sons shot kit to get the medicine. I always keep the medicine with Gio in his classroom, but in the chaos, I am nervous that it would be hard to orchestrate the needed steps to save my sons life. I have simply told the school that if I were to ever miss school for the day, Gio would not be there either.

I cannot trust that my son will receive the medication needed to save his life if the people that are trained to give it aren't readily available within seconds of him needing it. I know how fast Gio can go into crisis because I've witnessed it first hand on several occasions. In one instance, he was pale and lethargic within minutes of throwing up. We gave the Solu-Cortef shot and Gio had his color back and was running around playing within 15 minutes after the shot. This condition is very scary and needs better protocols in place to protect those who need it.

Thank you for your time,

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