



Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony. I am the Executive Director of OPSO, the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon, which is a group comprised of over 1,500 osteopathic physicians, residents, and medical students in Oregon who are all dedicated to providing top-level, comprehensive care to Oregon's patients.

OPSO urges your no votes on SB 580, 869, and 914. These bills pose risk to Oregon's youth and larger population, since they will ultimately result in decreased vaccinations. Oregon is already lagging behind other states in our vaccination rates. Additionally, I would like to note that providers are already required to discuss risks and benefits of any procedure, including vaccinations, to their patients. Doing so is an important aspect to practicing good medicine. Providers are also required to give Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS), which are produced and updated by the Centers for Disease Control. These VIS also explain risks and benefits, and all list the contact information for the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

Based on a plethora of scientific evidence, OPSO supports the widespread use of vaccines, and opposes any attempt to add barriers that may decrease vaccination rates in Oregon. Vaccines play an important role in protecting vulnerable populations, and in preventing unnecessary diseases and deaths.

Please do what's right to protect Oregonians, and oppose SB 580, 869, and 914.

Regards,

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