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Senate Committee on Health Care Oregon Senate Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senate Committee on Health Care:

I'm writing to express my support for Senate Bill 452. As a pediatrician, I care for several patients with conditions that can lead to sudden, life threatening deterioration and death if they are not given special medications. Many of these medications are not carried by Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers. Parents of these children administer these medications when needed and school personnel are often trained on delivering these medications. However, when a parent or trained teacher is not present, allowing EMS providers to administer these medications can be lifesaving. This bill directs the Oregon Health Authority to develop triage, treatment, and transportation protocols for patients who carry these emergency use medications and allows EMS providers to administer these medications to patients.

I strongly support SB 452 and urge you to vote yes on these potentially lifesaving changes.

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