

To whom it may concern,

My name is Russell Wimmer; I am an actively practicing advanced clinician in Lebanon Oregon, working in both arenas primary care and recovery medicine.

I would like to put my support behind HB 4101 to extend the buffer zone for smoking and vaping and other aerosolized materials from 10 feet to 25 feet.

I believe this does offer significant benefits to the overall public health. I often see children that are exposed to secondhand smoke on a persistent basis, with significantly higher presentations in frequency and severity of asthma and other respiratory disorders because of that exposure.

It has been well-established that firsthand and secondhand smoke both pose significant risks to pulmonary function, with an increased risk of long standing, incurable diseases. In my professional opinion, support of House Bill 4101 would extend protections, decrease risk, and improve overall public health.

I believe that I stand alongside my colleagues across the state in putting my support behind this bill and encourage legislators to approve this bill in the interests of improving the health of Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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