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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB1529

Greetings,

I am a nurse that lives outside of Eugene, I am a nurse and a life long democrat until the recent over reach by democrats in our state and across the country.

I am opposed to increasing the OHA's authority over the people of Oregon. It is clear that in our state, it was not difficult to implement emergency actions for COVID-19 and, if anything, we need to roll back the state's ability to put us into an endless state of emergency and forcing healthcare workers to get vaccinated against their will or lose their job (despite most having natural immunity and the fact we were already in a nursing crisis). Giving the OHA director, an unelected official, the power to put us back into a state of emergency without any clear parameters in the bill or checks on that power in the bill is not acceptable. I know many are ready to leave Oregon due to the government's unchecked power. You are turning Oregon into a place that does not feel like a good place to live anymore. Considering we are one of the last states to drop the mask mandate and there is no sign of letting up on the healthcare workers, what reason is there to justify the need to have increased power, without other government oversight? And, what is the reason for trying to stuff this into a bill that was supposed to be about Sudafed? That is underhanded and more proof that democrats just want unchecked control and power which, as a life long democrat, is astonishing and sad to see. Please put an end to this bill.

Thank you,  
Amy York