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On Behalf Of: humanity
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB408

I am writing to strongly oppose SB408. The idea that unelected individuals who are not voted in to represent Oregonians could have the authority to instruct medical practitioners of all kinds in how they are able to treat their patients is not only absurd, its abhorrent! Despite what those walking around the halls of the capitol building, or at home in front of their computers may think, we Oregonians have a constitutionally protected God given right to bodily autonomy. We decide what is best for our health and for the health of our families. Thanks to the ridiculous mandates, pressures, and outright deception of the OHA in regards to the Covid 19 shot, my son was seriously injured and his life has been forever changed. We have been fighting for his health for nearly three years now and despite the alarming number of doctors, specialists, lab tests, and clinics we have had to pay to visit, none of them have been able to help. The ONLY reason my son is not completely disabled is because we have done our own research and found help and guidance using naturopathic doctors, herbalist, and other forms of wholistic healthcare. Our journey to restoring his body and health is far from over. The implications of the proposed scope of practice in SB408 would bring harm to my family and to citizens all across Oregon. Frankly speaking, it is none of the governments nor any of its agencies business how we choose to treat our health, likewise, its none of their business how the medical professionals we seek choose to treat us and what modalities they use. We are adults, we are law abiding citizens, we pay our taxes, we work within in our communities, we volunteer, and we do not ask for anything from our government aside from leaving us alone! I am appalled that this same group of people who scream "my body my choice" are now attempting to regulate, stop, interfere, and impose restrictions on how we care for our health and our bodies by cowardly going after those in wholistic healthcare that do amazing work. This is wrong, unethical, unconstitutional, and flat out immoral. As a mom, I urge and honestly am begging you to please completely kill this bill, our lives literally depend on it.

Sincerely,
A mom fighting for her family
Jessica Ballard