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On Behalf Of:

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Good day Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 410.

My name is Cyndi Vipperman, and I have been a Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician in Oregon since 2008 when it was required by the state. I have worked in pharmacy for 25 years now with 21 years being in a community pharmacy. I am testifying on behalf of myself as a pharmacy technician.

I am in support of SB 410 and am pleased to know that pharmacy technicians will be given a temporary license so they can be properly trained before getting a national certification. In a state (Oregon) where pharmacy technicians do not need to be nationally certified anymore or have any formal pharmacy schooling is not safe and it has stressed me out for the past year. I feel like we are just letting everyone in our pharmacies and filling our prescriptions. I know there is training but with today's climate and pharmacists that are super busy don't leave time for proper training and mistakes will be made.

By giving a temporary license to get trained and properly prepare before taking the National Certification test, we as Oregonians can feel safe knowing that after a certain period that Pharmacy Technicians will be trained and take a National Certificated.

I think it is important that the Pharmacy Technicians that give immunizations and fill prescriptions to not only adults, but children are nationally certified and that the people of Oregon, my grandchildren included, should be able to trust.

Thank you for your time and making good choices for the Health and Safety of Oregonians.

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