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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, Oregon

RE: Support for House Bill 4010 Section 2

Chair Nosse and members of the committee,

As an Oregon mom, I feel compelled to express my support for HB 4010, which will continue to allow local pharmacists to flavor medication. We have a 9 year-old who is high-spirited, independent, and loves everything pink and purple. However, she faces challenges when it comes to taking medications. As any parent knows, treating a sick child can be overwhelming. It's a balancing act of comforting, managing school responsibilities, and work commitments.

Amidst taking her temperature, cleaning up, and coordinating with her school and my work, I also had to handle her medication. Her pediatrician prescribed a medication at our local pharmacy to which we could add bubblegum flavoring. She took her medicine without a fight.

A flavored medication restriction would add an undue burden to families in our state. Forcing bad tasting medicine to a child who already feels miserable only makes things worse for everyone. As parents, we're looking for solutions that make it easier to care for our kids when sick, not harder.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

Sincerely,

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