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On Behalf Of:

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I'm writing as a citizen of Oregon. I have lived with my partner who suffers from Lyme disease, mold illness, and mast cell disorder. I have been witness to her suffering for over a decade without recognition nor legitimate treatment from conventional doctors or medicine. At one point she was seen by the best infectious disease specialists in our area and told by him that Lyme did not exist in Oregon only to find him several months later reporting to a newspaper that Lyme was in fact in Oregon. The CDC has begun to track her case yet her doctors still claim chronic Lyme does not exist.

At this point the only help she has received has been from naturopathic practitioners that have guided her to some relief and regulating her system.

I believe HB 3042 is a major threat to people like my partner and many other people I have known that have suffered and continue to suffer from the idea that doctors in western medicine are the end all be all.

I believe this bill uses vague language and is a danger to our liberty and free speech for differing ideas. What and who constitutes what scientific research is real or valid? This bill allows for frightening overreach of political interests that threatens real lives of some of the most vulnerable people suffering from many misunderstood diagnosis. I oppose this bill and hope that those supporting it will consider who ultimately is effected by this kind of action.