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On Behalf Of:	
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Chelsea McDowell and I am a neurosurgical physician assistant who lives in Bend, OR and practices medicine at St. Charles Hospital. I am writing to express my support of this bill, and its goal in the prevention and treatment of CMV. CMV is the leading viral cause of birth defects in children, and can have long, irreparable neurologic effects, which can be prevented through early detection and treatment. The dissemination of educational materials, to allow for appropriate education to parents and healthcare providers alike, is vital in appropriately managing CMV.

As a licensed medical provider I am in full support of this bill.