

Dear Senator Patterson and Members of the Committee on Healthcare,

I am writing in support of SB 1030 that would require assisted living, memory care and other Long-Term Care facilities to allow an onsite vaccination clinic for consenting residents, when offered by a local vaccination provider at no cost to the facility.

It is astonishing to me that **any** Long-Term care facility in our state, would not obviously be interested and proud to offer ANY and every legitimate options or tools available to help keep their residents as safe and illness free as possible.

There are assumptions made when families move their loved ones from their own homes into managed care. The most important one is that the facility they have chosen has as its sole mission, to provide the best care possible for their loved one. And to do that, a facility must do **everything** they can, to keep the resident both physically and mentally healthy.

As these clinics are not mandatory, and as the residents are rarely if ever able to get out on their own to visit their doctor to get vaccinations, this bill is a perfect, common sense, excellent solution to meet this critical need.

To not offer fragile elderly residents these vaccination clinics which provide a vital, medically necessary procedure, amounts to, in my opinion, neglect.

Please support SB 1030. It is a common sense, no cost solution to help protect Oregonians in long term care residential settings, throughout our state.

Respectfully,

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