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To: Oregon House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Hon. Nathan Sosa, Chair,

Good afternoon, Chair Sosa, Vice-Chairs Chichi and Osborne, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony regarding a critical and urgent threat to Oregon's children. My name is Adrienne Gallardo, I am the program manager for the OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Program, a parent, and a certified child passenger safety technician/instructor with 24 years of expertise in child passenger safety and pediatric injury prevention.

I'm submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4092, which would help address the growing prevalence of counterfeit car seats sold through online marketplaces. These items pose a safety risk to our most vulnerable community members, Oregon's children.

As a member of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids I collaborate with other injury prevention professionals across the country who report a dramatic increase in counterfeit car safety seats in recent years. This increase is consistent with what we are seeing in our Oregon communities. As injury prevention professionals we strive to ensure that every child has access to safe and affordable injury prevention resources to meet their needs. My team and I find that these families unknowingly purchase these items expecting them to meet the federal safety standards to keep their child safe in a vehicle collision.

In Oregon, parents unknowingly purchase these dangerous counterfeit car seats through major online marketplaces such as Amazon, eBay, Shein, Tik Tok, Walmart.com, and Temu. These platforms allow third-party sellers—frequently shipping from overseas—to list counterfeit products alongside legitimate manufacturers' offerings, making them virtually indistinguishable to consumers. These counterfeit products are offered alongside car seats which are certified by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at a significantly lower price point which leads many caregivers to purchase the lower cost item.

At OHSU, our child injury prevention team has worked with dozens of families in the last several years who either were using, or intended to use, products that looked like legitimate car seats. When this occurs, we replace them with new NHTSA certified car seats to ensure the child is riding safely. Child passenger safety technicians on our team continue to identify one to two unregulated or counterfeit seats each month during safety seat checks and caregiver interactions.

Counterfeit car seats present a danger to Oregon's children, give caregivers a false sense of safety, and can lead to failure in a vehicle collision leading to unnecessary injury or death. Every Oregon child deserves a safe car seat.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and prioritizing the safety of Oregon's children.

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