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TO: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection  
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SUBJECT: In Support of HB 4092

Chair Sosa, Vice-Chair Chaichi, Vice-Chair Osborne, and Members of the Committee:

Our Children Oregon respectfully submits this testimony in strong support of House Bill 4092 and the -1 amendment, legislation that would prohibit the sale of child safety systems that do not comply with federal safety standards and require retailers to clearly disclose compliance information to Oregon families. As a statewide convener of child advocacy organizations dedicated to building equitable futures and outcomes for children across Oregon, we believe this bill addresses a critical and growing threat to child safety in our state.

Counterfeit and non-compliant car seats represent an alarming and escalating threat to child safety across the United States and here in Oregon. Medical providers, child passenger safety technicians, and safety advocates nationwide have reported a significant increase in counterfeit car seats over the past five years, particularly as online shopping has become the primary marketplace for these products. Families purchase counterfeit car seats not out of negligence but because they are deceived by sophisticated counterfeiting operations and inadequate marketplace protections, economic pressure, and platform failures.

House Bill 4092 provides comprehensive protections against counterfeit and non-compliant car seats by creating accountability at multiple points in the retail chain:

- Prohibiting Non-Compliant Sales: The bill prohibits retailers from selling or offering for sale any child safety system that does not meet federal standards

(FMVSS 213) or standards adopted by the Oregon Department of Transportation. This establishes a clear legal standard and prevents dangerous products from reaching Oregon families.

- Platform Operator Accountability: Critically, HB 4092 holds retail platform operators responsible for what is sold through their marketplaces. Platforms cannot permit retailers to advertise or sell child safety systems unless those retailers affirmatively disclose compliance with federal safety standards. This addresses the current gap where major online platforms allow third-party sellers to offer dangerous products without verification.
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirements: The bill requires retailers to clearly and conspicuously disclose in any advertisement or offer whether a child safety system complies with federal safety standards. Clear and conspicuous disclosure means the information must be separated from other text or images and presented in a font, color, size, or capitalization that calls an average casual reader's attention to it. This transparency empowers families to make informed decisions.
- Enforcement Through Unlawful Trade Practices Act: By classifying violations as unlawful practices under Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act, HB 4092 provides robust enforcement mechanisms and remedies. This ensures meaningful consequences for those who endanger children by selling non-compliant products.

As an organization committed to building equitable futures for all Oregon children, we recognize that the counterfeit car seat crisis disproportionately impacts families facing economic hardship. Lower-income families, families navigating language barriers, and families with limited access to brick-and-mortar retail options are particularly vulnerable to counterfeit products marketed through online platforms.

The economic pressures that drive families toward discounted online purchases should not result in their children being placed in life-threatening danger. All Oregon children, regardless of their family's economic circumstances, deserve the protection of genuine, safety-tested car seats. HB 4092 helps level the playing field by requiring transparency and accountability in the marketplace, ensuring that the car seats

available to Oregon families—whether purchased at premium or discount prices—meet federal safety standards.

As legislators consider further strategies to address the proliferation of counterfeit carseats, addressing these economic challenges will be critical. HB 4092 will stem the tide of counterfeit car seats, but families in poverty will continue to face impossible choices in finding affordable car seats. State agency support for families eligible for SNAP, CHIP, or WIC should be bolstered, and agencies should review their sourcing for car seat products.

Our Children Oregon urges the House Committee on Human Services to support HB 4092 and help ensure that every car seat sold in Oregon meets federal safety standards.

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