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My name is Lisa Gilham, I'm a member of the Working Families Party, and I worried about vaccine affordability and access in Oregon. I support SB1598 to ensure that Oregon families do not have additional cost or logistical barriers to obtaining preventative vaccines. This bill champions patient choice, by ensuring those who want immunizations are able to do so without having to worry about payment or making a hard to come by appointment with their primary care physician or pediatrician to undergo mandatory shared decision making.

Personally, my ADHD makes making doctor's appointments a challenge. Also, my doctor (and many doctors!!!!) are often booked up for months in advance. Being able to pop into a CVS or Zoomcare when I have a moment and am thinking about it for my flu shot or COVID booster means that I will actually do it. If I have to see my doctor first, I guarantee there will be times when I just forget to get the shots. It seems entirely unnecessary to add this additional barrier to protecting my health.

Thank you,
Lisa Gilham