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My name is Caitlin Quinn, and I support vaccine access.

Hello.

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1598 and hoping we can count on our legislators to act swiftly to protect our health care, when our federal government is under siege and making decisions which put the health and safety of our communities at great risk.

Choices being made by the federal government have moved away from being science and evidence-based to completely absurd. We have a long history of evidence to support how essential immunization access for all is to preventing or at least reducing the spread of infections and diseases which can severely impact quality of life, disable, and kill entire populations.

As someone who unfortunately has immune challenges, I am not only relying upon access to immunizations to help me resist viruses and other transmittable illnesses, but I am counting on the rest of the population being able to access them as well, since people who follow science and history know that more sick people leads to more sick people and less sick people leads to less sick people.

I can't imagine my 8 year-old child growing up in a world which has chosen to ignore science and allows its own people to get needlessly sick and die of preventable illness. It was devastating to me and my family to learn that RFK managed to take this protection away last year, leading us to wonder if we're going to need to find a way to leave the country to get essential health care, if we will be left without, or if we can count on our legislators to enact change that will protect us.

Please support legislation which protects access to prevention and ensures continuity of coverage for all Oregonians. Our lives are literally depending on it.

Thank you for your time.

Please pass Senate Bill 1598.