

Chair and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Tommy Nguyễn, and I am here in loving memory of my sister, Hòa.

Hòa dedicated her life to serving others. She believed deeply in community, in education, and in making sure people were seen and heard.

That is why it has been especially painful for our family to reflect on her cancer diagnosis and ask the question so many families ask:

“what if it had been caught earlier?”

When someone you love is diagnosed at a late stage, you quickly learn how different the outcomes can be when cancer is found sooner.

- Early awareness.
- Preventative screenings.
- Follow-up care when symptoms appear.

“These things matter.”

We also learned how important it is for patients to be believed when they say something feels wrong. Pain, unusual symptoms, persistent concerns, those should never be minimized. When people speak up about their bodies, we must listen. Earlier testing, earlier intervention, and fewer barriers to care can mean the difference between a treatable condition and a life cut short.

My sister fought with strength and grace. But I often wonder, if there had been greater awareness, if preventative measures had happened sooner, if her concerns had been acted on more urgently, might she still be with us today?

This legislation is about making sure more families don’t have to ask that question. It’s about access, awareness, and accountability. It’s about saving lives.

I believe Hòa would have lived a full life of service and grown old with us. We know that the HPV vaccine has shown a historic ability to virtually eliminate the

disease in women who are vaccinated at the youngest recommended ages (9–13).

I'm grateful to Annessa for giving me the chance to testify, and I wish her and family well.

Somewhere in Oregon right now, there is an 11 year old girl who could grow up to be the next Hòa Nguyễn. She deserves the chance my sister never had: to live a full life.

Let's make sure the next generation doesn't have to face this preventable disease. In honor of Hòa, and in support of every family who deserves more time with the people they love, I urge you to support this bill. Thank you.