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**Capitol Rally for Kylee's Fight Thursday at noon**

SALEM, Ore.—Oregonians have coordinated a rally at the Oregon Capitol to stand with Kylee Dixon, a 13-year-old girl who has been taken from her family by court order so that OHSU can subject her to a risky and unwanted medical procedure. After undergoing six months of chemotherapy and other procedures, Kylee went into a coma and nearly died. When OHSU released her in June 2018 to die at home, Kylee's mother was determined to save her life and sought out alternative cancer treatments.

After beginning the alternative treatment, Kylee started getting better. She can walk and talk again and her tumor has reduced by 90 percent during the past year. When the doctor found out Kylee was getting well, she demanded Kylee come back in for more of the previously failed conventional treatment. When Kylee and her family pushed back, the doctor used the force of a court order to compel Kylee into state custody to undergo risky procedures. The family has been targeted by DHS, the courts and the media simply for refusing previously failed approaches and for seeking not only alternative treatments but also a second opinion on this latest determination from the OHSU doctor.

Since Kylee was detained by authorities last week, she has been disallowed from continuing the alternative treatment she credits with reducing her tumor and helping her walk and talk again. DHS arranged for a doctor's appointment Wednesday but will not allow family to accompany her. DHS apparently continues to insist on zero contact with the family.

The rally will be held on the Capitol steps at noon Thursday June 20.

**Republican state Sen. Kim Thatcher, of Keizer, released the following statement:**

*"Oregonians have rallied behind Kylee and her mother because we believe in medical freedom and the right to a second opinion. No child should be forced to undergo life-threatening, previously failed drug treatments and surgery. The government is working with OHSU and they are gambling with Kylee's life. This is a moral outrage."*

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