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To: The Joint Committee on Public Health

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As Vice Chair for the Department of Dermatology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, I strongly support Senate Bill # 903, which will restrict the use of tanning beds for children under the age of 16 and require parental consent for those children between the ages of 16 and 18.

Tanning bed use leads to a potential serious health problem for teenagers and a real problem for your adults. Skin cancer, until recently was uncommon in this age group and is now routinely reported to our cancer registry. Intentional tanning either indoors or outdoors are the caused of this growing problem.

This legislation is a solid step in the right direction to preventing skin cancer. I urge you to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

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