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Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon House Rules Committee,

I graduated from Oregon State University where I studied Horticulture. I've had a long career in plant nursery work and gardening. The principles that govern the health of plants can also be applied to the health of humans: proper temperature, sunlight, nutrients, acid/alkaline balance, and clean water. The prime caution being DO NOT POISON!

The conventional wisdom in agriculture for the last 100 years has employed all sorts of poisons: insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc; as well as petroleum based fertilizers that deplete rather than replenish the soil. And genetically modified organisms are adding a whole new toxic level to our food. Our primary pollinators, the bees, may not be able to survive this onslaught of poisons much longer.

Sustainability is the key to plant and human health. This is why there has been an upsurge in demand for organic foods grown by local farmers. People are beginning to realize their health depends on avoiding the poisons conventional farmers dump on their crops. Good health depends on a healthy lifestyle.

What does this have to do with vaccines? Conventional medicine, like conventional agriculture, employs all sorts of poisons; every pharmaceutical drug ever made comes with a warning label to testify to its toxicity. Vaccines are no exception. The CDC has characterized vaccines as "unavoidably unsafe." Yet SB 132 A wants to "educate" our citizenry that vaccines are safe.

Vaccine advocates need to prove that substances in vaccines like mercury, formaldehyde, and aluminum, although classified as toxic when studied alone, are somehow exonerated when shot directly into the body through a needle. The absurd logic of this needs to be fully explained.

I have two young grandsons who have never been vaccinated. They get plenty of fresh air and exercise, with fresh whole organic produce to eat, and spring water to drink. They are rarely ever sick and any sickness has been mild and short lived. Our family would rather take our chances with Nature than trust our bodies to the absurd "wisdom" of conventional medicine. These physicians, wanting to "educate" us on the benefits of vaccines, need to find some real research to back up their claims instead of just doing the drug companies' bidding.

VOTE NO on SB 132 A

Sincerely,

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