

**Subject:** Opposition to SB 895

Dear Senators of the Education Committee,

I am writing you today to express my strong opposition to SB895, specifically Senator Steiner Hayward's -2 amendments.

I fail to understand, without reaching into "conspiracy theorist" territory, how or why the Education Committee is hearing amendments to a bill that are specific to personal HEALTH CARE decisions. A bill that is essentially a "try-again" on Senator Steiner Hayward's part after having her original monstrosity, SB 442, trounced in the Health Care committee. I have so many things to say about the sneaky and underhanded last minute addition of these some 11 pages of health care requirements to a bill that is summarized as requiring "...schools and children's facilities to make available certain information related to immunizations." Making information available (still not a fan of that either) and legislating medical procedures for school or daycare or "children's facility" attendance are a far reach away from one another, according to the English I was taught in school.

Please realize, Senators, that for those of us parents in Oregon who have chosen an alternative healthcare path for our families, any such mandate that you consider will NOT change our decisions. It will NOT make me suddenly doubt my hours and hours of research. All it will do is exclude my children from the free and public education that they are promised by the state constitution and it will remove the funding that follows my child from my local school district when they can least afford it. Multiply my family by THOUSANDS, and realize that your jobs will be getting way harder next legislative session trying to compensate for the funding drop you will see.

I would like clarification please, on one point. Several members of the Health Care Committee made statements during the play-out of SB442 indicating that this bill WOULD NOT require students attending Virtual Public Charter Schools such as ORCA or ORVA to be fully vaccinated to attend those types of Publically funded schools. I know that your committee has spent many sessions on bills relating to those schools. Will my children be able to get their free and public education THERE if this bill passes as written? Because if so, those schools can and should expect a BOOM in their enrollment! (Not a popular idea with many of your supporters, I gather?)

I can go on and on, railing against why and how this sort of legislation is even being entertained in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA... but I will spare you all.

I will close by asking again, Please put an end to Senator Steiner Hayward's overreach once and for all. Oregonian's DO NOT WANT MANDATORY VACCINATIONS! We want and demand freedom of choice over what is put in our children's bodies. We want you, the education committee, to attend to issues of EDUCATION and not health care. We want you to work FOR us, as we elected you to do.

Thank you,  
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