

April 9th, 2015,

Dear Chair Arnie Roblan and education committee members,

I am Courtney Perry of NE Portland. I am writing today to ask you to oppose SB 895, specifically -2. After reading the bill language and the amendment, I realized that my religious choice and right to not receive certain medical treatments has been tossed around by the past few bills introduced and sponsored by Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward.

Some may ask how this is even asking one to do so much that it interferes with your relationship with God? SB 895 not only requires schools to publicly post how many unvaccinated children there are in there school. They have to post this information on their school website, and they have to send this information to all parents. This is not my idea of a fair impression and non-discrimination that I teach my children. In addition, I would have to take all of my children to a physician that I may not be able to afford, as we already have a naturopathic doctor that we see.

I do not want to be a part of this, as my four children go to public school for now. Soon this will be a bullying issue, as parents discuss this with their children and it becomes a talking point amongst children. Where is the emergency at that would require this kind of medical information to be displayed publicly? Even in the instance of a health emergency, what benefit would there be for separated "the herd" by making exemption rates public?

If I cannot stand up for myself and other likeminded members of the population of Oregon, then who can? Please, I urge you to oppose this bill, and to find a middle ground with the issue of health control and education in correlation with each other. Something that will not infringe my religious rights and moral, and quite frankly change our way of living.

Thank you so much for your time.

Courtney Perry