

February 9, 2015

To the Honorable Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayworth, M.D.

Dear Senator,

Please accept my written comments on SB 442. I'd originally planned on speaking in person but am leaving for vacation on Feb. 18th.

My name is Al Ewers and I was born in Portland in 1953. I'm a strong supporter of vaccinations in general because I contracted polio six years after a vaccine became available. I wasn't vaccinated because of my parents' religious beliefs and after three weeks in the hospital, much of it in isolation I was in an iron lung for months. Even after I was able to breathe unassisted I remained paralyzed. Eventually I recovered somewhat, learned to walk again and wore a leg brace for years. I became more active and although I never fully recovered I re-learned to ride a bike but would never run or jump again.

At age 18 I began working as a field service technician installing and repairing office equipment. I was quite aware of my disability and I had difficulty speaking to my customers. I was diagnosed with depression in the early '70s and believe it was due to my physical condition. An operation on my right foot in 1975 helped physically but the biggest change was mental because I felt more 'normal' at that point, became quite extroverted vs. the extreme introvert I'd been and began climbing the corporate ladder within my company.

Although some individuals completely recovered from the virus most of us didn't and we now live with Post-Polio Syndrome. A promotion moved me to Connecticut in 1993 and in 2001 I began working with Dr. Richard Bruno, M.D., founder of the International Post-Polio Institute in New Jersey. He's recognized worldwide as an expert in his field and I learned that although I and other polio survivors had partially recovered from the initial effects of polio our physical abilities would begin a slow and insidious decline approximately 35 – 40 years after we were infected. Ten years ago I could climb a ladder without any problem but today I can't negotiate one step without a handrail. Because my lungs never fully developed I use a CPAP machine at night to get enough air. My ability to balance while walking continues to decline and I can't count how many times I've tripped and fallen over the years. About a year ago I fell and broke my hip. A month earlier I fell and tore a muscle in my right knee and while being treated I learned my kneecap had been broken for years and I didn't even know it.

Dr. Bruno's research proves that most polio survivors eventually choke to death because the muscles that control swallowing simply decline to a point of no return. There are some who believe polio could never return to the United States but Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan still have new cases every year. The World Health Organization website states that in any household where a person is infected 100% of unvaccinated children and 90% of unvaccinated adults will also contract it. Polio cannot be cured - it can

only be prevented through vaccination and no one deserves to live a life of pain & torture simply because a person in authority over them makes an irresponsible and irreversible decision.

Although I've been tempted I never asked my parents if they regretted their decision. After seeing what they also went through I don't think I needed to ask and it would have been cruel for me to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if I can offer more information or be of assistance in any way.

Respectfully,

Al Ewers
Tualatin, OR



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DATE: February 18, 2015
TO: Senate Committee on Health Care
RE: SB 442, relating to submission of information necessary to decline immunizations

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

The Lane County Board of County Commissioners regularly identifies priorities for each Legislative Assembly. In advance of the 2013 regular session, the Board specifically identified what was then LC 982 and became SB 132 as a priority for that session. Our Senior Public Health Officer, Dr. Patrick Luedtke testified in support of the additional sidebars that SB 132 established with respect to the ability for certain individuals to opt out of vaccinations.

SB 132 was a necessary bill and Lane County counted its passage as a win. However, after review of SB 442, and in particular the proposed -3 amendment, Lane County urges the Committee to hold a work session on SB 442 and take action to integrate the -3 and move the bill to the floor of the Senate with a DO PASS recommendation.

Committee members are likely aware of both the measles case we are dealing with in Lane County, as well as several cases of meningitis at the University of Oregon. Vaccinations, or the lack thereof, are integral to the degree of response now underway by our Division of Public Health (under the Department of Health and Human Services). These responses, while absolutely necessary are expensive and difficult to plan for.

There are many documented cases of disease outbreaks related to the effect of the absence of childhood immunizations. For some of these diseases, in particular mumps, the impact on adults may lead to far worse outcomes including lifelong disabilities and decreased fertility. Vaccination technology continues to evolve, and there should remain no doubt as to validity of previously made claims that vaccinations lead to other disorders.

Lane County supports maintaining only the medically supported exemption. Of the 13 schools in Oregon that have non-medical exemption rates of greater than 50 percent, three are located in Lane County. There are 22 schools with an exemption rate of greater than 10 percent. We believe that SB 442, with the -3 amendment, will serve to improve health throughout Oregon.

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Senate Committee on Health Care,

This letter is in regard to SB442 and the dire effects it would have on parental rights to choose whether to vaccinate their children or not. While the debate between the risks and benefits of vaccinations continues to rage on; with robust empirical data demonstrated by both sides of the debate, the issue here is not about the science but about parents' right to choose what is in the best interest of their children.

As a parent to two unvaccinated children, and one child who had an adverse reaction to the Hep B vaccine, I am concerned that the Oregon legislature is making a rash decision to push this bill into law without analyzing and digesting all the necessary and important facts. I am afraid that the media frenzy created by the Disneyland Measles outbreak may be clouding the better judgment that is expected from our elected officials, and that the push to pass this bill may be centered on appeasing the masses rather than on a clear understanding of the issue at hand.

Let me be clear on something, my wife and I did not throw caution to the wind as Mrs. Steiner Hayward has alluded in remarks made to the Oregonian and other news organizations. In fact, to think that those of us who choose not to vaccinate our children do so as a whim of fancy, because it is convenient, or without any consideration, shows the ignorance and rashness with which this bill is laden. A quick look at the statistics of unvaccinated children in the state and in the country will show that most of us that choose not to vaccinate our children are well educated and of higher incomes. We have arrived at these decisions by agonizing over the benefits and the potential risks associated with each and every vaccine. We have consulted with our children's pediatricians, delved into the vaccine product inserts, educated ourselves in the science, and only then arrived at the conclusion that not vaccinating is the best choice for our children. It is up to each one of us as parents to make the choices that are right for our children. I would never ask a parent to make a different choice than the one that they believe and have researched to be best for their children. Parents who choose not to vaccinate as we have, have done so after educating themselves. There is informed consent that has taken place, not ignorant resistance as some may want to believe.

Many of us have done this with the assistance and support of our children's pediatricians. We are thankful for their guidance and for their own research. We conferred with two pediatricians, both of whom agree that given the adverse reaction our first child had to the Hep B vaccine, the risks outweighed the benefits of vaccinations for our children. We know that there are documented adverse effects to all vaccines in the CDC schedule. If there were not, VAERS would not exist and the Federal government would have no reason to protect the vaccine companies from torts associated with vaccine reactions. And while adverse reactions are rare – reactions that damage children physiologically or neurologically – they do exist. The percentages may be small but no one except a parent should be able to decide if the risk of an adverse reaction is acceptable to them. Shortly after receiving the Hep B vaccine our son experienced tremors, tremors so violent his bassinette shook uncontrollably. He went from having a perfect breastfeeding latch right after birth to struggling to latch

properly after receiving the vaccine. Other parents have experienced worse outcomes post vaccination of a child. Some children experience severe neurological damage as has been documented in many cases, including on vaccine product inserts. Passage of this bill would take away a parent's right to choose what is best for their child in this great state. Passage of this bill would put the onus squarely on the State for the possible number of children that could experience severe adverse effects to vaccinations that the State is mandating. I ask you members of the committee, what is an acceptable number of children damaged by the vaccines this bill plans to impose? One, ten, one hundred? Is the collateral damage to one family acceptable for the greater good? It is an easy choice to make when that child is not your own and the laws you are imposing may not have a direct impact on you.

There are a plethora of peer reviewed studies that have shown the risks of vaccinations. Many of these studies have been conducted by respected members of the medical and pharmaceutical community. Let me point you to a couple of these studies which I would hope you and members of your staff would look up before pushing this bill to the legislature. It is my sincere hope that after reviewing these studies, you would kill this bill altogether. Each one of these studies is peer reviewed and for those of you members of the committee who are members of the medical profession, acquiring these studies should not be difficult. Nevertheless, I would be elated to provide you copies of these documents should you have trouble obtaining them.

1. Relative trends in hospitalization and mortality among infants by the number of vaccine doses and age, based on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), 1990-2010.

Human and Experimental Toxicology. 2012.

GS Goldman and NZ Miller

Conclusion: Our findings show a positive correlation between the number of vaccine doses administered and the percentage of hospitalizations and deaths reported to VAERS. In addition, younger infants were significantly more likely to be hospitalized or die after receiving vaccines. Since vaccines are administered to millions of infants every year, it is imperative that the health authorities have scientific data from synergistic toxicity studies on all combinations of vaccines that infants are likely to receive; universal vaccine recommendations must be supported by such studies.

2. Increased risk of developmental neurologic impairment after high exposure to thimerosal-containing vaccine in first month of life.

Division of Epidemiology and Surveillance, Vaccine Safety and Development Branch, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 1999.

Thomas M. Verstraeten, R. Davies, D. Gu, F. DeStefano

Conclusion: This analysis suggests that high exposure to ethyl mercury from thimerosal-containing vaccines in the first month of life increases the risk of subsequent development of neurologic development impairment, but not of neurologic degenerative or renal impairment. Further confirmatory studies are needed.

3. Hepatitis B Vaccination of Male Neonates and Autism

Annals of Epidemiology, Vol. 19, No. 9 ABSTRACTS (ACE), September 2009: 651-680, p. 659.

CM Gallagher, MS Goodman, Graduate Program in Public Health, Stony Brook Medical Center, Stonybrook, NY.

Conclusions: Findings suggest that U.S. male neonates vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine had a 3-fold greater risk of ASD, risk was greater for non-white boys.

4. Infection, vaccines, and other environmental triggers of autoimmunity.

Autoimmunity. 2005 May; 38(3):235-45

Department of Medicine B and the Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer, Israel.

Molina V., Shoenfeld Y.,

Conclusions: Vaccines, in several reports were found to be temporally followed by a new onset of autoimmune diseases. The same mechanism that act in infectious invasion of the host, apply equally to the host response to vaccination. It has been accepted for diphtheria and tetanus toxoid, polio and measles vaccines and GBS. Also this theory has been accepted for MMR vaccination and development of autoimmune thrombocytopenia, MS has been associated with HBV vaccination.

5. Aluminum Induced Entropy in Biological Systems: Implications for Neurological Disease

Journal of Toxicology, Volume 2014 (2014), Article ID 491316

Christopher A. Shaw, Stephanie Seneff, Stephen D. Kette, Lucija Tomljenovic, John W. Oller Jr., Robert M. Davidson

Conclusions: All these findings plausibly implicate Al adjuvants in pediatric vaccines as causal factors contributing to increased rates of autism spectrum disorders in countries where multiple doses are almost universally administered.

I trust that after truly researching the benefits and risk associated with vaccination, the committee will reverse course in pushing SB442 to the legislative floor for vote. I also trust that the legislature will realize the burden that parents have to make the right decisions for their children, especially difficult decisions such as choosing whether to vaccinate or not. Part of the government's role is to uphold the rights and freedoms of its citizens. Passage of SB442 would remove such rights and freedoms from parents as they choose the best outcomes for their children.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I trust that the legislature of our great state will not create a law based on knee-jerk reaction but rather that an objective review of the scientific evidence would be performed to determine the best course of action that allows parents to make educated, informed choices about vaccinations.

Respectfully yours,

Alex Gonzalez
Tualatin, OR

To whom it may concern:

I understand that this recent urge to pass stricter laws regarding vaccination is entirely due to the measles outbreak at Disneyland.

But here's the thing about vaccines, no person reacts the same. I have never had a bad reaction to vaccines until last year. I received the flu shot. Within a half hour my face became numb. I drove myself to St. Vincent hospital in Portland where my treating physician (the dr.) told me that my reaction was not uncommon that year. He told me that it changes every year as vaccines change- some years they get it and sometimes it causes more bad reactions than good.

I have also watched my nine year old brother with autism, who was not born with Autism, struggle with mercury poisoning shortly after getting his vaccinations. There is a very large spectrum for Autism. While I don't believe it is entirely caused by vaccines, I do believe shooting up babies of 18months with more than 13 vaccines (each containing chemicals, poison & Mercury) is irresponsible. I visibly watched the light in my brothers eyes turn to fog in a day. It's simply not for everyone and requiring people against their will to shoot themselves and their children up with ANYTHING goes against every human right.

As an American citizen, I write this letter fighting for my right to choose what to put in my own body. My body is my life.

Regarding the measles outbreak, let's talk about outbreaks. Let's talk about all the terrible diseases people get everyday. The ones people die of everyday. How about what we've learned regarding healthy eating in the last ten years and how that effects our immune systems. How most diseases are a result of too many toxins in the body. And now because of one illness, there is a law that is proposing to take away my rights and put toxins in my body? This is for my benefit?

Please understand my sympathies to those with illness. I have had illness. Getting the meningitis vaccine did not stop me from getting meningitis.

This issue is bigger. It's about my rights. My right to decide what is healthy and unhealthy for my body and for my children's bodies.

Thank you,
Alex Zenner

Testimony: Senate Committee on Health Care, State of Oregon, SB 442, Hearing on February 18, 2015 at 3pm

First of all, thank you for taking time to read my testimony and for being passionate and caring about the health of Oregonians. I know that Senator Steiner Hayward proposed this resolution because she is deeply invested in supporting and protecting the health of Oregonians, however removing the religious exemption to vaccination is the wrong course of action for Oregon. Please make your case for vaccination through education and lobbying the vaccine manufacturers to make their vaccinations safe, remove neurotoxins and contaminants, and find substitute growth mediums and other changes which will make the vaccinations acceptable for many more citizens who adhere to specific religious teachings.

Oregonians treasure choice. Nothing is more sacred or basic than the right to free and informed consent for medical treatment, including vaccinations. The end does not justify the means. You cannot force a healthy individual to accept the risk of bodily injury or death, (no matter how small the risk) with no regard for deeply held religious convictions, for the perceived good of the broader society. Oregon children are entitled to a free and appropriate education no matter what decisions they or their parents make with regard to private, protected medical procedures.

Please uphold the oath you took to protect the religious and ethical rights of Oregonians, even if how they exercise those rights differ from how you choose to exercise yours.

Sincerely,

Alicia Hawkins
Hammond, Oregon

Hello committee.

I have heard some conflicting information about exactly what is being proposed. To extend the requirements of parents to take an online course with their exemptions, or eliminate the religious and philosophical exemption completely. I'm just going to proceed as if it were the latter, because I think it's still relevant.

I have a child who has had "severe", according to the vaccine handout, but not life threatening vaccine reactions. I've been told there is a roughly 50% chance his reaction will be worse if he receives another MMR vaccine. I'm guessing one step up from not being able to swallow, is not being able to breathe. However, he does not have a medical exemption. If he loses his religious exemption, I will be expected to take a 50% risk that he will not be able to breathe... I'm no mathematician, but I'm pretty sure that the chances that he could expose someone else to a vaccine preventable disease at some point is much, much lower than 50%. Is that a risk you would want to take with YOUR child? I don't believe the dilemma of situations like this are what are intended by this legislation, but they would happen much more often than they do currently. There are so many families in similar situations who need a medical exemption, but take the religious instead.

I understand the importance of herd immunity. I understand that there is no link between vaccines and autism, I understand that your job is to protect as many people as possible, and that is what you believe is being done. Just like other medications, I don't believe vaccines are inherently unsafe for the vast majority of people. But, those few people for whom vaccinations are unsafe deserve to be protected just as much as everyone else, and the medical exemption does not protect those people.

If parents who are unsure, or who have children in a higher risk category for vaccine injuries weren't required to do so many so soon, they'd be much more likely to do them. They would have a lot more confidence in the vaccine schedule if it didn't feel like every vaccine created was being thrown onto the schedule just because it can be. So many parents are using the religious exemption because their children are at an increased risk of reaction yet are not given a medical exemption. You may want to consider that if all of these children are suddenly required to be vaccinated, we may see a sudden increase in vaccine reactions. These exemptions may just be helping to keep the reaction statistics low. What if instead of mandating vaccinations, we rewarded parents who do them with a tax credit or something.

Vaccines save lives. Vaccines also take lives. They save more than they take, but pretending that everyone is 100% safe from vaccine injuries, and having no recourse for the families of children who are seriously injured, or killed by vaccines is just unfair. It's insulting to the memory of those children. If you remove the right for parents to make their own, informed choices about their children's vaccinations, those lives are on you.

I read that Senator Hayward has researched every religion and declared none are against vaccinations. I don't doubt that she's done extensive research, but scholars have been debating interpretations of religious texts for thousands of years and can't agree. I can truthfully say it is against my religion to consent to a vaccine that has a 50% chance of seriously harming my son, regardless of whether or not it's explicitly stated in the bible.

Thank you for your time,

Amy, Portland

Punishing Parents who have only exercised their legal rights will cause more harm than good. Families here in Oregon are already under tremendous financial pressure and we will have to quit our jobs and/or pay for childcare if vaccine mandates prevent our children from attending public schools. This is unfair to Oregon families, it is going to hurt the Oregon people and the Oregon Economy.

Mandatory is un-American. Mandatory is Anti-Jefferson.

Please oppose mandatory vaccinations!

Over the last five years the U.S. Government has paid out billions of dollars in damage settlements to either seriously injured people or those killed by the administration of vaccines. Worldwide large-scale class-action lawsuits are on a sharp increase from vaccine-related death and injury occurring from questionable clinical trials and vaccine administration.

The State of Oregon and United States are founded on the individual citizens unalienable right to choose-- whether that be a choice made on some secular belief or most importantly the Religious exemption and protection from secular tampering, especially when the tampering with these said unalienable rights of choice may cause harm, injury or death.

This is unfair to Oregon families, it is going to hurt the Oregon people and the Oregon Economy. Mandatory is un-American. mandatory is anti-Jefferson. Please oppose mandatory vaccinations.

Sincerely,

an Oregon Father

February 16th, 2015

Testimony Re: SB 442

My name is Ava Adams, and I am submitting a statement in contest of SB-442. While this seemingly innocuous passage refers only to the grandfathering clause of vaccination exemption in Oregon, it would also signal support for the repeal of all non-medical vaccine exemptions as proposed by Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward and therefore I am voicing my opposition.

To put it plainly, forced vaccination is wrong and must be rejected for a number of reasons. It is against the Hippocratic Oath, it is against the Constitution, it is against the Nuremberg Code, it's against any basic sense of medical ethics whatsoever. Every solitary vaccine on the schedule can cause serious adverse events including permanent disability or death. We are told these events are very rare, but this is only believed because they are rarely investigated when they are reported, and because proper safety studies are not conducted prior to licensure by the FDA to determine the exact rate of specific risks. The Institute of Medicine, which is a staunchly pro vaccine medical organization, has concluded on many occasions that the reporting standards as well as the rate of reporting vaccine adverse events are markedly insufficient for determining causation and frequency of adverse reactions. The Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System website itself states that the rate of reporting adverse events by physicians is far lower than the actual amount of events that occur. Congressional testimony has also been given by medical students who were told by their instructors in medical school to never report a suspected adverse event from vaccinations when they became doctors, so as not to contribute to spooking the public about the risks they carry.

Despite the recognized issue of underreporting of adverse events, it remains a notable truth that in the United States, more deaths are reported from vaccine reactions to VAERS than there are deaths recorded from vaccine preventable diseases in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality figures. It's absurd that a mandate should be considered with this alone in mind.

I would like to ask those in support of a proposed measure to eliminate non medical vaccine exemptions, as spearheaded by Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward- why would you choose to use this particular incident timing, the "Disneyland" Measles outbreak, to boost support for the stripping of parental medical rights to decline vaccinations in Oregon? The only identified genotype in the outbreak was B3, and all Measles vaccinations are protection for type A. With 100% coverage the outbreak could not have been prevented and I assume you are aware of that. Why would you want to build a case to force vaccination based on a vaccine's failure to protect? On an outbreak that proves even so-called herd immunity cannot always protect people from vaccine-preventable diseases? It doesn't make sense.

What else does not make sense is the seeming need that legislators have to punish innocent children for their parents' decision not to vaccinate them. The State of Oregon via DHS has already condemned unvaccinated children to poverty by refusing to provide childcare assistance to their parents so they can work and get on their feet financially, indigent people who would otherwise qualify for such help without this discriminatory exception. Additionally if a non-medical exemption repeal passes, the State would also be taking away one of the most fundamental rights a child has in this nation, the right to a

Free and Appropriate Public Education, which is supposedly federally protected. I find that appalling, shameful and deeply saddening.

I would like to address one more thing before closing my statement. I know about the smear-campaign version of non-vaccinating parents that those reading this and considering the proposed legislation by Steiner-Hayward have likely been left with an indelible impression of: a vision of tin-foil donning paranoid whackos, conspiracy theorists, and ignorant religious “nuts” who have no real understanding of the choice they have made in declining vaccinations, and as such, whose opinions about medical rights are meaningless. I am here to tell you that these perceptions are so very wrong, and hope to give you some understanding of how. While it is true that some parents who do not vaccinate are parents who have never vaccinated, such as myself (I am pro-informed-vaccine-choice by the way, not an “anti vaxxer” which is the derogatory label the media would slap on me, and I am also a liberal), the vast majority of parents who do not vaccinate are parents who *no longer* vaccinate because they have vaccine injured or deceased children. They are the parents of the “stray bullets” that the majority of society has been duped into believing are necessary casualties of what is viewed as a vital public health measure. They are parents who did not take their decision to discontinue vaccinations lightly at all, and who have had to suffer through more adversity and strife than anyone who is voting on this potential legislation could probably imagine. They are parents who have been branded heretics, fools and liars, because they would not believe that their child’s injury following a vaccination was simply a “coincidence”. They have lost friends, family, medical and community support as individuals, meanwhile having to care for their children’s sometimes permanent and debilitating injuries. And they have become immensely self-educated in the process of this life altering event and all that it brings about, in their work to heal their child and to try to understand how this could have happened, why they weren’t properly informed, and why they were attacked instead of supported by the medical community they believed would keep them safe when their children were harmed by vaccines. These parents have become better educated than 99% of the doctors in this nation are on the topic of vaccinations *and* their risks, leave no doubt about that. They deserve your respect and your reverences, let alone your unbiased consideration.

I would like to thank you for the time spent reading this statement. I look forward to being more active in future proceedings regarding vaccine-mandating legislation in Oregon (I would have been there in person on February 18th for the hearing I am submitting this written testimony for but my son is having surgery on that day). Anyone is free to contact me with further questions or follow-up about my testimony (I have full references available for all statements made) at humankind11@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Ava Adams

Dear Representative,

As a concerned Oregon resident who will maintain choice and control over my body and those of my children, I emphatically reject any compulsory law to immunize, vaccinate, or ingest any other substance.

As it pertains to the question of whether such legislation is necessary:

1) There is no conclusive evidence-based data concluding that vaccines are either safe or efficacious. Most data indicates the opposite. Over the last five years the U.S. Government has paid out billions of dollars in damage settlements to either seriously injured people or those killed by the administration of vaccines. Worldwide large-scale class-action lawsuits are on a sharp increase from vaccine-related death and injury occurring from questionable clinical trials and vaccine administration.

2) The only group standing to profit from vaccine use and sales are the largest of the pharmaceutical companies who stand to gain from the trillions of dollars spent purchasing these vaccines. Some of the same "Big Pharm" companies that have paid out over 19 billion in criminal and civil fraud charges to the U.S. Government for other cases of malfeasance in practice and reporting--- damages caused by their products.

3) A reminder that; both, the State of Oregon and United States are founded on the individual citizens unalienable right to choose-- whether that be a choice made on some secular belief or most importantly the Religious exemption and protection from secular tampering, especially when the tampering with these sed unalienable rights of choice may cause harm, injury or death...!

4) A reminder to Senator Hayward, in response to her quote of, "Being passed the point of patience", that her job is to represent ALL of her constituents Rights and beliefs. That her level of patience is irrelevant in the light of the safety of the citizenry and their protection from highly ethically-challenged bills like this one!

5) I demand that you vote NO on SB442!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Grunde

Ashland, OR

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns with Senate Bill 442. SB 442 is seeking eliminate non-medical exemptions for vaccines. I strongly feel that these decisions are best left to parents and not legislators. Parents should have the right to direct their children's medical decisions. Please do what's best for the children of Oregon and vote NO on SB 442.

Thank you, Bethany Butler

SB 442, Vaccine exemptions

February 17, 2015

From: Bette Moksnes-Koski, RN
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There is so much to tell, that it is overwhelming. I have been studying the effects of vaccines since my son regressed into autism at age 1.5 and regressed again at age 5, after receiving vaccines, particularly the MMR vaccine.

There is no study which compares children who have been vaccinated v. those who are unvaccinated. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) has proposed it, but it has not been enacted.

There are three populations who have a large number of children who are unvaccinated: a certain population in Africa, a large number of homeschoolers in Chicago, and the Amish. Only the Amish have 2 children with autism, (and those were adopted in from outside their community, after having received vaccines), and 1 child whose autism etiology is unknown (infection affecting the immune system?)

I attended an Autism Safety Congressional hearing in Washington DC in 2002, and congressmen/women expressed concern about the dangers of vaccine ingredients even at that time.

Now we know that autism rates have accelerated exponentially, to 1:68, using CDC data from 2010 on 8 yo old children at that time.

CDC data: "About 1 in 6 children in the United States had a developmental disability in 2006-2008, ranging from mild disabilities such as speech and language impairments to serious developmental disabilities, such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, and autism. [\[Read summary\]](#)"

This is a true epidemic, and mainstream media and reporters have been instructed to not report on anything related to autism.

Environmental toxins are surely a concern. However, a more alarming concern is ***injecting into infants and children multiple vaccines containing: foreign DNA, and foreign toxic substances such as mercury, aluminum, formaldehyde, aborted fetal tissue DNA, other animal DNA – which will throw their immature immune and neurological systems into havoc.***

I and other parents are not "anti-vaxxers", but we want safe, effective vaccines. There are no long-term studies showing safety and effectiveness of vaccines.

There are too many stories of parents observing their children decline physically after vaccines: seizures, loss of language, low muscle tone, hearing problems, vision problems, food intolerances, GI problems such as chronic diarrhea. When children are this sick, they

exhibit abnormal behavior. Parents then are told, "Oh, it's just autism, and there is nothing that can be done."

Our children are sick, and pediatricians have no answers. So parents find MDs who have children with autism themselves, and naturopaths as health providers to help get our children on the road to wellness, but some children never arrive at wellness.

Parents are well-informed about their children's health issues, and need choices to protect them from further damage.

If you take away parents' informed consent, and choice of exemptions based on family health history (such as auto-immune disorders in family, genetic predisposition)... you are subjecting all children to potential damage, disability and possible death.

The US has the highest number of vaccines given to children, and the highest rates of SIDS, developmental disabilities, and childhood diseases.

Re: Disneyland measles...

- What strain was being spread? "Wild" type of measles, or vaccine strain which is shed by the newly vaccinated to others
- Why do some children have a "0" measles titer, even after having the MMR vaccine several times? Vaccine failure?

The MMR vaccine effectiveness data was initially fabricated, so the UK now has a suit against Merck, which falsified the data in order to gain a monopoly on production of the MMR vaccine. Dr. Wakefield was 'brought down' by a single reporter, Brian Deer, who worked for Rupert Murdoch, who owns much of the worldwide news media. You know, the media that is paid by pharmaceutical companies to promote their vaccines and other drugs?

Re: Autism Speaks... Katie Wright, daughter of Autism Speaks founders Bob and Suzanne Wright, refutes her parents' focus on genetics as a cause of autism. Katie's own son regressed dramatically into autism after receiving vaccines, and her daughter also had a severe reaction to vaccines.

Suzanne Wright reportedly told a reporter in 2014, "Of course vaccines cause autism. But we can't say that, or there would be rioting in the streets."

My point is: it's big business, but not taking into account our children's health. It is an epidemic that is not being addressed. Parents who advocate for their children's health and wellness need to have choices. To do otherwise, is medical experimentation, which I fear leads to a Nazi-type society.

Sincerely,

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Chairwoman Anderson and members of the committee:

My name is Chelsea Rivers and I am a resident of Oregon. I am a mother and I also work in the healthcare field. I am writing to express my extreme concern over new proposed legislation that would remove ethical and religious exceptions from vaccination requirements in Oregon. Forcing individuals and/or their children to undergo medical procedures against their will is a violation of human rights. Making a medical treatment mandatory, which removing the right to exemptions does, sets a dangerous precedent allowing the government to have an over-reaching hand into the lives of the citizens they are sworn to represent.

Please reject any changes or addition to SB 442. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Rivers
February 17, 2015

February 17th, 2015

Testimony of Cindi Adams Re: SB-442

The right of personal choice is one of America's greatest freedoms.

Roe V Wade was decided on the fact that a woman undergoing an abortion has a greater chance of survival than a woman who carries a child; and that the right of the woman should not be infringed upon to make the decision for herself. It is a private decision; and so abortion is legal.

The decision as to whether or not to vaccinate is also a private one. One of our greatest constitutional rights is the right to decide what is in our best personal interest. The simple fact of the matter is, there is a greater chance that you will die or be harmed from a vaccine than the risk of ever actually getting a vaccinated disease, or ever dying from it. For example, nobody has died from the measles since 2000, yet 140 have died from the MMR vaccine in that same time period. The other simple fact is that we live in a hygienic society with sewer systems, clean water and good nutrition which are the greatest ways of combating disease. These are the aspects we should be focusing on, not vaccines. As a result of them, we do not have a risk in our society for the majority of the diseases we vaccinate for.

As a parent, grandparent, and citizen of the United States of America, I have the right to choose the best course of medical treatment for myself and my family based on my beliefs whether they be religious or philosophical. I urge the state of OR not to act on fear, over one minor instance of measles with no deaths that occurred as the result of a genotype of Measles that we do not even vaccinate for in this country.

Sincerely,

Cindi Adams

Chairperson and members of the committee,

My name is Cindy Popp. I am a parent in Portland, Oregon with a child in the Portland Public School system. I am a proud third generation Oregonian and I am deeply disturbed by the proposal of this Bill SB 442. This bill is about something much greater than vaccines. It's about choice and parental rights being stripped away.

Also, it is both exclusionary and discriminatory. Every child deserves an education regardless of their family's beliefs and values. Coercing people into a medical procedure in exchange for an education is morally wrong.

I urge you to vote no on bill SB 442. Oregonians deserve better than this.

To: The Committee on Health Care and Senators Hayward, Anderson, Kruse, Knopp and Shields.

I urge you to vote AGAINST SB-442.

Many believe vaccinations are efficacious and vital to our communities. This is exactly what the drug companies (and our government which has invested in doing business with those drug companies) would like us to believe, and it bears scrutiny.

There is no evidence-based data concluding that vaccines are either safe or efficacious. There is data supporting just the opposite. Over the last five years the U.S. Government has paid out billions of dollars in damage settlements to either seriously injured people or those killed by the administration of vaccines. Worldwide large-scale class-action lawsuits are on a sharp increase from vaccine-related death and injury occurring from questionable clinical trials and vaccine administration.

Large pharmaceutical companies stand to gain enormously from the trillions of dollars spent purchasing these vaccines. Some of the same "Big Pharm" companies have paid out over 19 billion in criminal and civil fraud charges to the U.S. Government for other cases of malfeasance in practice and reporting--- damages caused by their products.

Physicians, in the American Medical Association Code of Ethics, affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. Parents should have that same right. See AMA Opinion 9.133 Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians.

The State of Oregon and United States are founded on the individual citizens unalienable right to choose-- whether that be a choice made on some secular belief or most importantly the Religious exemption and protection from secular tampering, especially when the tampering with these said unalienable rights of choice may cause harm, injury or death.

Please protect my rights, and those of my children, by voting No on SB442!

Sincerely,
Deborah Leff, Medford, OR

As a registered voter & resident in Oregon, I ask you to consider the following & deny this bill.

SB-442 is a mandatory medical procedure, forcing the injection of pharmaceuticals or loss of a right to education & is a violation of civil rights. This is about freedom of choice this is not about pro versus anti-

If this bill passes, There will be catastrophic events in the state such as lawsuits, & revenue loss: families will choose to rise-up in protest and or move out of state causing major deficit in state revenue. These are families that ARE educated and have made conscious decisions about the safety & validity of vaccines & have chosen that their child is safer by not vaccinating. They feel just a strong against as some feel pro. They will stand behind their educated decision. **Families will not choose to comply if they believe something could harm their child; they will not compromise their children's health in order to comply with a forced medical procedure, civil rights violating bill!** These families are tax paying, hard-working, home owning, registered voting families that will leave the state or protest and file lawsuits.

Our children whether vaccinated or not deserve the right to education & equality. To round them up & evicted them from school segregating them because of consciously made health decisions that their parents have made is **segregation and discrimination** of our children...this is unacceptable.

It would be foolish to think that this will stop here, once we allow our government to implement any mandatory medical procedure (of any-scale), it will only open the door to further medical procedures; such as mandatory abortion and birth control for population control & required vaccinations of adults before allowed into college or jobs, etc. This will head us down a path we do not want to go & there will be no end in sight.

Our state will lose money & credibility based on lawsuits, expenses tied up in litigation, loss of revenue from families moving out of the state and/or refusing to pay tax dollars to a state that no longer fairly and equally represented them & the well-being of themselves or their children, parents quitting their jobs in order to be at home to homeschool their children. Those parents will lose income & the ability to pay for private insurance forcing them to go on state Medicaid & possibly food stamps.....are you seeing the bigger picture here, major financial harm to Oregon if this passes!

Segregation and discrimination is wrong no matter what mask it is wearing, No matter what cloak it is disguised under. We are living under an illusion if we think that this will stop here. If we allow discrimination of any form what will come next...segregation in restaurants divided seating for one child versus another, separation of public restrooms and water fountains, does this sound familiar folks? This is an image of a time long ago that we thought we had moved past! No matter what the position of the discrimination, whether it be religion, sexual desertion, the sexes, the classes, the color of our skin, it is wrong. Choosing to not comply with medical procedures is not a reason for discrimination; there will never be a good reason for discrimination, and our children should not suffer for this delusion of vaccine safety.

This debate argues safety, well...there is no safety in segregation there is no safety in discrimination there is no safety in forced medical procedures or forced pharmaceutical injections. We, as free people, must say "NO" to SB-442.

Dr. Bari Hartley and Paul Hartley.

Dear Committee Person,

It has come to my attention that tomorrow there will be a hearing concerning making vaccines mandatory in public schools and there will no longer be an exemption for religious or philosophical reasons.

Please do not buy into the argument that this is "for the benefit of our children".

As one who has conscientiously researched and decided that a delayed and reduced vaccine schedule is best for my sons - two unique, individual people with different health needs - let me tell you that no one can love or care for my children better than me, their parent.

That job is not the government's responsibility. They are not able to do such a great work for us. It is our individual right and responsibility and this bill plans to further strip that right from parents.

Please vote no. Listen to the citizens of Oregon.

A concerned parent and Oregonian,

Emily Horton

Please consider our story:

Gabriel was born in the summer of 2006. I had a perfect pregnancy, and after an uneventful 12 hour labor, Gabriel was born on his due date beautiful and healthy. He nursed soon after birth, and we all went home two days later.

I noticed in those first few days that when Gabriel looked at me he seemed so aware for a newborn. He would look me straight in the eyes, almost speaking to me with them. I had high hopes for my new little guy, my second child but first son. He continued to do everything early, from rolling over to walking to potty training before he was a year old. His doctor was even impressed at how he exceeded his milestones, as Gabriel was doing things his own daughter wasn't doing yet who was several months older. We started teaching him baby sign language, but stopped around 12 months because his verbal skills were excelling so quickly.

Our whole world changed the day we took him in for his 12 month well baby checkup. We didn't know then that we were about to make the biggest mistake of our lives. After receiving his MMR vaccine in the muscle of his leg (I later learned that MMR is to be given subcutaneously, not intramuscularly), the injection site became inflamed and red, and tender to the touch for several weeks. Gabriel was irritable like never before. He seemed agitated and cranky much of the time, wanting to be held constantly.

It was about two weeks before the fever came, accompanied by high-pitched and unrelenting screaming. I remember calling the doctor's office concerned because I could not control the fever, and I could tell he was screaming in pain. I was told to alternate Tylenol and Ibuprofen every 4 hours, and that he would be fine. We did as we were told, put cool rags on his head and body, my husband even put himself in an ice bath and then held the baby next to his cold skin. Still the fever would not go below 102 and continued to spike above 104. I called the doctor's office every day for four days.

It was only by chance that I skimmed the vaccine reaction information we were handed on our way out the door at Gabriel's appointment. I read the page on MMR. Serious reactions to this vaccine occur 1-3 weeks after it is administered, and include high fever, high-pitched screaming, BRAIN DAMAGE?!?

I got online and looked up "serious reaction to MMR." What came up was account after account of what was happening to Gabriel. Many of them ended up regressing into autism. I remember thinking to myself, "That couldn't possibly happen to Gabriel. He is so advanced. No, not my son."

I bypassed the know-it-all nurse who told me not to worry and took him straight in to the doctor. He was seen right away, and he confirmed that Gabriel was having a severe reaction to MMR. He said the screaming was most likely due to brain swelling. At that point his fever was coming down, and his screaming was less frequent, so he sent us home. He asked his nurse to pull up the VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System) papers to file a report with the Health Department.

It appeared at first that the ordeal had left Gabriel exhausted. He didn't seem himself. He started talking less. He wasn't interested in any of his toys. He would stare at a ceiling fan for hours. He would wake up several times a night screaming, and when we would attempt to console him he would scream harder. Something was happening, but when we brought up our concerns at his 18 month appointment, we were told that some babies just advanced differently and we really shouldn't be concerned. He was given his next round of shots.

By the time he was two he wasn't talking at all. Our concerns were again dismissed by his pediatrician. My gut told me to skip the shots this time and we did. We hoped the doctor was right and Gabriel was just going to catch up later, but insisted on a second opinion. He referred us to Early Intervention where he was evaluated for speech delay, and worked weekly with a speech therapist and other specialists.

The screaming at night continued every night, several times a night. None of us ever felt well rested, and it became more and more apparent that Gabriel was not catching up with his peers. His behavior continued to become stranger. He wouldn't play with us, but would line things up or spin in circles. He still didn't talk.

We took him to a new pediatrician. When she walked in he was lying on the floor rubbing his head against it. We voiced our concerns, and she told us he was an obvious case of autism. She immediately ordered tests for mitochondrial disorder, heavy metal toxicity, and others, and referred us to the appropriate doctors for a diagnosis.

He not only tested autistic, but very autistic. I remember being glad we had a diagnosis, but finally feeling the reality of it hit me at the same time. The prediction made to me two years back when I researched MMR vaccine reactions and saw so many lead to autism came true. It did happen, to my advanced, perfect little boy. When I was told to apply for his Social Security is when I realized this was for life. It hit me like a ton of bricks.

He was three before he finally got his diagnosis of autism. We were told it couldn't have anything to do with his vaccine reaction.

He is turning eight this summer. He can say a few words, usually to express a want or need. He requires constant supervision, and is on a special program at school where he only goes an hour a day because he is too "low functioning" for our district's autism program. Life is really hard, for us, but especially for him. His world and ours are still just barely overlapping. Special diets, therapies, interventions all help, but we still have a long, bumpy road ahead of us.

Since my son's vaccine reaction, I have read everything I can on vaccine safety, efficacy, and the diseases they are designed to prevent. Here is a small compilation of the more important facts I have discovered that have reinforced my decision to no longer vaccinate my children. We tend to fear what we don't know, so first a little about the diseases we are so afraid of.

The disease most parents bring up first is polio. The truth about Polio. 95% of all cases of polio produce no symptoms at all. Of the 5% that do show symptoms, most will suffer no more than a mild summer flu. Less than 1% of 1% will go on to develop a rare complication to the disease known as paralytic polio. The last natural case of paralytic polio in the US was in 1979. All cases since then have been from the live virus vaccine. Your chances of having a serious complications, much less even being exposed to this disease in the US, is essentially zero.

Likewise, where there has not been a death from measles in the US in 15 years, there have been dozens of reported deaths and hundreds of adverse events reported against the vaccine. My mother's generation told stories of everyone on their block getting measles, mumps, whooping cough, rubella. In those days everyone got them, and no one really fear these diseases until the childhood vaccine program was introduced. My generation all had the chicken pox. A week off of school, oatmeal baths, and lifelong immunity.

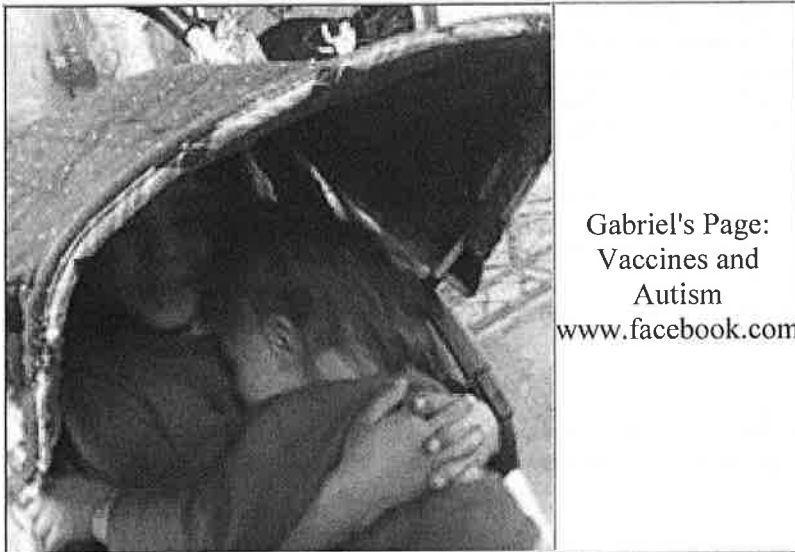
We also pass naturally acquired immunity to our unborn babies in utero, and continue to immunize them naturally with our breast milk. Not so in vaccinated mothers.

In fact, the vaccine program has essentially shifted the targeted age of many of these diseases from school age children, where we see the least number of complications, to infants and adults. In the case of pertussis, babies are most vulnerable to complications from the disease during the first two months of life. Since we do not give the first vaccine until two months of age, and vaccinated mothers do not pass maternal immunity, we have essentially created a window of vulnerability in our newborn infant population. So where my generation was protected by maternal antibodies from pertussis during the first few months of life, this generation is seeing the disease kill babies. Furthermore, as childhood vaccines wear off, we will likely see diseases like mumps and chickenpox that are relatively mild in childhood resurface in our adult population where the diseases can be serious or even life-threatening.

There is also evidence that vaccines don't work as well as we think. Merck admitted last year that the mumps component of the MMR is only effective about 50% of the time. In fact, several agencies including the federal government are involved in a class action law fraud suit against Merck for falsifying studies to prove the Mumps vaccine worked, when in fact it didn't, to gain a monopoly on the MMR and jack up the price. Those affected in the recent mumps outbreaks were all vaccinated. As many as 95% of recent pertussis cases were in vaccinated individuals. The flu vaccine is less than 30% effective in preventing the flu, depending on the year. Some years it is

totally useless. Since only three strains of flu are included in the vaccine, and there are 250+ flu and flu-like viruses circulating every year, the vaccine is a crap shoot at best. Yet every year flu vaccines are pushed at every drug store and doctors office, so people flock to get them. Because of this, more adverse events are reported against this vaccine than all other vaccines combined. It is also important to note that while the ethyl mercury preservative Thimerosal has been essentially removed from all childhood vaccines, most flu vaccines still contain a full 25 mg of mercury, and they are still given to developing children as young as six months old and pregnant mothers, although its safety has not been tested on either group.

While many tout the necessity of vaccines for saving us from disease, statistics show vaccine preventable diseases and associated deaths were on a steep and steady natural decline before the introduction of vaccines (see attached graph:



If vaccines were a necessary ingredient in the decline of infectious disease, then what vaccine can we thank for the decline of the Plague? How about Scarlet Fever? The truth is, decline of the infectious disease era can be attributed mainly to changes in hygiene, sanitation, clean water, and nutrition. Think about it. Smallpox disappeared completely while it is estimated as few as 10% of the population received the vaccine, a far cry from the 90% required for "herd immunity."

Herd immunity actually only exists in nature where exposure of a herd to disease incurs lifelong immunity. When was the last time you were vaccinated? If it was 5-10 years ago or more, you are no longer immunized. In fact, most people vaccinated before 2004 are no longer immunized. If such a large chunk of our population has no immunity to these diseases, why aren't we seeing a resurgence of measles in our baby boomers? Why aren't adults being crippled today by polio? Shouldn't we expect our unvaccinated adult population to be virulently spreading disease and dropping like flies? What makes my unvaccinated child a public health threat but not my unvaccinated adult neighbor? Herd immunity from vaccines, because of their questionable and short-lived efficacy, is nothing more than a myth.

I feel it is equally important to address the thousands of parents who claim to have witnessed their child regress into autism following a severe vaccine reaction. While "correlation does not equal causation," it is irresponsible to ignore such a strong correlation. Autism rates continue to skyrocket. Recently released data from the CDC estimates 1:68 children has autism, up 30% in just two years from 1:88 in 2012. And these statistics reflect data collected in 2010, so the actual numbers are much higher. Given the 30% increase trajectory over two years of CDC study, the 2014 estimate would be more like 1:29. That cannot be scientifically explained by better diagnostics or wider criteria. The experts can't agree why autism rates are going up, and yet our only eye witnesses are ignored.

To me the connection was obvious. It was as plain as watching my child fall off a bike, then come in the house with a skinned knee. I would conclude the injury was from the fall, of course. For me to assume it was only a coincidence would be absurd. His knee wasn't skinned before, he crashed his bike, and now he is injured. Yet that is how parents are answered. "We don't know what causes autism, but it couldn't possibly have anything to do with his severe adverse vaccine reaction." Severe vaccine reactions are almost always written off as coincidence, and are grossly under-reported as a result.

Many claim the autism-vaccine link is nothing more than an elaborate fraud, citing a paper written by Dr. Andrew Wakefield that was published in a peer-reviewed journal but later retracted. Dr. Wakefield's findings, however, have been replicated a dozen times by independent researchers, and his research team has since been exonerated. Furthermore, independent research as well as newly released documents by the CDC reveal that exposure to chemicals found in vaccines such as mercury and aluminum do increase the risk for developmental disease such as autism. However, 22 of the 24 research papers available from the CDC disproving the link between vaccines and autism may likely on the other hand be discounted as fraud. The "principal investigator" and co-author of the papers, Dr. Poul Thorsen, was indicted for fraud and accused of misallocation of autism research funds totaling over \$1 million. He has been charged with 13 counts of wire fraud and nine counts of money laundering, and is currently on the FBI's most wanted list. Needless to say, both sides of the argument can confidently say the jury is still out.

While it is important to look at the science on both sides, it is equally important to examine how the studies were performed and who did them. Many times there are conflicts of interest and financial incentives, creating an environment where experiments are catered to a certain preferred outcome. Safety studies of vaccines are what I call junk science, utilizing small test groups and short test periods, rarely implementing a true placebo, usually testing a vaccine against a vaccine adjuvant or another already approved vaccine. That's like testing vodka against rum and concluding that drinking rum does not lead to alcoholism because just as many vodka drinkers became alcoholics.

Furthermore, the health outcomes of vaccinated versus unvaccinated children has never been studied by the CDC. Neither has the current vaccine schedule been tested, yet it continues to mandate an ever increasing number of vaccines. Today the CDC recommends giving 49 vaccines before kindergarten. That is more than any other country in the world.

On the legal end of vaccine injury is a complication called the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. This act essentially took all liability from vaccine injury off the manufacturers that make them and the doctors who administer them. A parent can no longer simply sue for damages. These cases are brought before a special federal court where the usual judge, jury, and access to discovery are not offered. Furthermore, injuries must meet very narrow criteria, and lawsuits must be filed within three years of injury. Because autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders can take years to diagnose, a vast majority fail to reach the closing window in time. Although 2 out of 3 cases are dismissed, the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid out almost \$3 billion in damages and deaths since 1986. The money awarded does not come from the vaccine manufacturers either. It comes out of a tax paid on every vaccine purchased. So, essentially, when a vaccine injury does occur, it is paid for by the consumer. And contrary to popular belief, at least 82 claimants awarded damages in federal court have been autistic children.

Merck is also currently being sued in a class action suit for fraud regarding the efficacy of the MMR and is under investigation for burying possible risk factors for autism following MMR.

I urge parents to look at the information for themselves and truly weigh the benefits and risks. Parents need to know that vaccine exemptions are available in every state, and children can still go to school if you opt out. While vaccine-preventable disease may be a real risk, the risk of vaccine injury is very real as well. Look deep. These are our kids.

To whom it may concern,

You may or many not know a vaccine injured child. You may or may not seen a child transform within hours of a vaccine. But I have. My daughter, within hours of a vaccine, screamed and screamed until red, sweaty and shaking. This went on days on end. She stopped sleeping. My husband and I were operating on minimal sleep, and the almost unmanageable reality of our new life almost cost us our marriage. I cried in my closet countless times, trying to understand what was happening. She threw up after every feed. Projectile vomiting so severe it would come up her nose and cause her to stop breathing. 7 days without a bowel movement. Then, a movement so severe it would take 2 people to strip down the mess and clean her up. Waking in the middle of the night in such fear and terror, nothing in human existence could calm her fears. You would look at her and she would never even see you. Fits of rage so severe you would have to restrain her so she couldn't hurt herself. Then, a later diagnoses would reveal she had suffered some neurological disorders, one that affected the way her sensory board communicated with the rest of her body. "Sensory seeker" they called her. And she doesn't know how to sit still. In order to get sensory input, that you and I probably take for granted, she moves all day and if she doesn't, she doesn't feel comfortable, or normal.

My doctor told me it was my breastmilk that made her sick. That she was allergic to a natural fluid I made with my body. It had nothing to do with the unnatural chemical Manmade product that they injected into her bloodstream...

I am deeply saddened by the divide that is taking over this country. It seems people are willing to give up their freedom, for fear. I am certain, by now, you have heard countless people saying that measles has not killed anyone in ten years. My parents, my grandparents, my aunts, my uncles and countless others from their generation have spoken very firmly that this was a "benign" childhood disease, all whom survived it and have more efficient immune systems for having survived it. More people die from the side effects of the vaccine itself. I want to understand why they are calling this years measles outbreak an epidemic when last year in the U.S. We had 600 cases. Yet their numbers being reported are misleading. Why are we not putting the newly vaccinated under quarantine, since the only company that manufactures the disease (Merck) specifies right on there website that the newly injected can spread for up to 28 days?

http://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/m/mmr_ii/mmr_ii_pi.pdf

In addition, we speak of "herd" immunity, but it is reported on a the US national library medicine, that a measles outbreak occurred in a population of 98% who had been vaccinated. If "herd" immunity were in fact effective, why would outbreaks like this occur and continue to occur among the heavily vaccinated?

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1646939/>

People blame the unvaccinated for this spread? But could it be that the vaccines are not effective in the various strands of measles because of the overuse of vaccines? We found the CDC openly admitting that this last year regarding the efficiency of the flu vaccine only being less then 30% effective. Yet, they continued to encourage everyone to go out and get one. Could it also be, as

Merck openly states in their literature, that the newly infected are spreading this disease? Why couldn't it be, and why aren't they reporting in the news the alarming number of "vaccinated" who have contracted the measles during this outbreak? 76 of them were adults who had not been vaccinated or received a booster in over a decade.

<http://www.nvic.org/nvic-vaccine-news/january-2015/measles-in-disneyland-third-mmr-shot-and-vaccine.aspx>

This is a human rights issue! You can't force someone to subject their child to aborted fetus cells, aborted calf blood serum, monkey kidneys, dog kidneys, mouse brains and or armyworm cells when it goes against the core of their philosophical AND religious beliefs. Why hasn't there been a study on the how these foreign cells affect our own bodies and our own health? Why hasn't there been a study on the health of the vaccinated vs the unvaccinated? Why is there a one size fits all criteria for all children on vaccines? Especially when our pediatrician tells us countless times "all children are different".

It's inhumane to insist a parent force these inoculations upon their own children when in fact they have been said by the CDC themselves that they are "avoidably unsafe and will result in death in some cases". Is it ok that my child be the one who is damaged permanently or dies as a result of an allergic reaction to the "many" ingredients in vaccines? She has already suffered at the needle of one vaccine. Beyond Animals and human cells, we have a number of other deeply disturbing ingredients in vaccines, including antibiotics (my sister's son almost DIED recently as an allergic reaction to amoxicillin) eggs, preservatives, insect repellent, formaldehyde...

Here is the list of ingredients put forth by the CDC on their website: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/additives.htm>

Now, the most important question of all, that so many people want to know, is how in the world are we even considering forced vaccination on a vaccine that is being investigated for fraud? Just one month before this "epidemic" the Huffington post published a public article about "Merck having some explaining to do on the safety of their MMR vaccine".

<http://m.huffpost.com/ca/entry/5881914>

The Obama administration just reported immunity to the whistleblowers testifying before congress that they were forced to conceal data against the safety and efficiency in the vaccines, as well as reported links between the MMR vaccines and the direct cause of autism in African American males.

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/02/03/obama-admin-grants-immunity-to-cdc-scientist-that-fudged-vaccine-report-whistleblower-plans-to-testify-before-congress/>

If we vote to take away our exemptions, this will impact everyone's right to refuse vaccinations. Nurses that refuse the current flu vaccine mandate only have the right to refuse because of these exemptions. If they start forcing flu mandates through people's employers, no one can refuse. Not you, not me... Where does this end? There are countless vaccines in the pipeline waiting

approval. We can't sue the manufactures or the doctors for injury or death that may come from these vaccines. That liability was removed by law, in 1986. I just ask that you deeply consider ALL the families in California who will become affected by these mandates. I truly believe countless families will simply pack up and leave. The more you force something on people, the stronger people resist. We both don't need sound science to understand something so simple...

Make sense to you? Does any of this make sense to you? I might not have millions of dollars to pour into a fear mongering campaign on national news, but I have a story and a consciousness. God teaches us to love and to do all things in love. That is all I am asking to have the right to do.

Thank you sincerely for reading and listening!

Speaking for my vaccine injured child, who doesn't has a voice in this fight! I truly hope that these children are not forgotten about. I constantly hear the sympathy passed around regarding the children with compromised immune systems. What about the ones who have suffered the adverse reactions? Where is the safety for them?

Sincerely,

Heather

We have a right to say no to forced medical procedures, whether it's vaccinations, toxic drugs, chemotherapy or other "therapies" that fatten the wallets of pharmaceutical industry executives and stockholders with little benefit to recipients and risk of great harm. Denying our right to decline medical procedures erodes the basic freedoms on which our country was founded.

The vaccine schedule has more than doubled in the past decade with 35 more doses and 5 new bacterial strains added! There are hundreds of new vaccines in development including some of the following in clinical trials: HIV, herpes, E. coli, dengue fever, avian influenza, smallpox, tuberculosis, typhoid, norovirus, cholera, smoking cessation, syphilis, and gonorrhea. If vaccine manufacturers and others who profit from forced vaccination convince legislators take away our right to delay or decline a vaccine now, what will our future look like?

· In the past 5 years, drug makers have paid the U.S. Government \$19.2 billion in criminal and civil FRAUD penalties. Skepticism of the pharmaceutical industry is well deserved, and it doesn't imply a skepticism of science. The US Gov't,(ie: the taxpayers) and not the vaccine makers hold the responsibility when vaccinations cause harm, vaccines are pharmaceutical products that cause injury and death for some. The United States Government has paid out more than \$3 billion dollars to vaccine victims. Many more people have adverse reactions. Nobody can predict who will be harmed from vaccines.

· Vaccines manufacturers and the doctors who administer vaccines are completely shielded from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths.

· Vaccines fail sometimes where even fully vaccinated people become infected. Nobody can predict who will or will not respond to vaccines.

When my son was a baby he caught pertussis from a fully vaccinated cousin. Where are the independent studies of vaccines efficacy? The measles outbreaks have occurred in highly vaccinated populations, again where is the efficacy? If yet another MMR shot is to be given to every man woman and child the shareholders and executives will undoubtedly be happy, but at what cost if even a fraction of those people have a vaccine injury or death?

We need to stand up for our rights to decide for ourselves what we put in our bodies. The parents who choose to not vaccinate, including many doctors, are some of the most informed on the issue, please listen to us and uphold our rights over corporate profits!

Sincerely,

Heather Larsen

Members of the Senate Health Committee

I write you to express my opposition to SB 442, or any bills that restrict the right to decline any medical procedure, including vaccination.

Despite assertions to the contrary, I did NOT come to my decision by any celebrities or doctors you may disagree with. I don't make decisions out of fear. I make them after extensive study. I observe, identify, and organize the available evidence. I then screen the evidence for inconsistencies, contradictions, and fallacious appeals before I draw conclusions.

When studying vaccines, I didn't consult the "anti-vax" movement (whatever that is).

I asked the fundamental questions:

- How does the immune system work?
- What happens when the immune system encounters a viral or bacterial agent?
- How can the body succumb to illness when exposed to a virus or bacteria in some instances, but not in others?
- How does a vaccine interact in this process?
- Why does a vaccine have material other than the antigen and inert saline?
- What consequences are there to this other material (adjuvants) being deposited into the bloodstream?
- And, perhaps most importantly, how can one build a healthy, robust immune system that is least likely to succumb to illness, or if it does succumb, respond to the illness without lasting effects?

As an example, I can tell you that reducing your sugar intake and getting regular exercise can boost your immune system. Clean water, good sanitation, and eating foods that are easy to digest and have a high nutrient content are also very beneficial.

As for vaccination, there are too many internal inconsistencies and unresolved contradictions obscured by fallacious reasoning, threats, fear appeals, and silencing of dissent for me to agree to the practice. The last CDC report on the Disneyland matter has yet to identify patient zero after over 2 months. Nearly half of the ill were undocumented aliens. Over 2/3rds were over the age of 20. The vaccine failure rate was twice what is claimed by CDC. And there has not been a single death or lasting adverse outcome reported.

I also note the Measles outbreaks that are substantially higher than Disneyland, but with near total vaccine coverage: Ottawa in 2013, 700+ cases; Berlin, Germany this year, 250+ cases; Germany 2013, nearly 2000 cases; China in 2014 nearly 50,000. There are many more outbreaks in nearly completely compliant populations. Mandates will not eliminate outbreaks.

The MMR Autism studies that are to assure us that vaccines are completely safe suffer from a fundamental flaw in logic (to say nothing of the documented harm of vaccines as reported in the manufacturer's insert, acknowledged by SCOTUS, VAERS, and the VICP). Assurances of safety based on these studies confuse Evidence of Absence with Absence of Evidence. In other words, the assertion is: "We looked for it. We didn't find it. Ergo, It doesn't exist."

Force through mandates, threats, and coercion are illegitimate methods for ensuring the health of individuals, or the communities in which they live.

As an example, I do not have the right to walk into my neighbor's house and remove from her pantry all foods with high sugar content. Nor chase her around the block to give her a cardiovascular boost. Even if I know such acts would benefit her immune system. I have no such right.

I don't magically acquire this right if I recruit 5, 10, or even a 1,000 friends that agree with me. If we elect you to office, we, as a group, cannot magically bequeath to you a right that we do not possess.

I don't have the right. YOU don't have the right. I can't GIVE you the right.
Because the right does NOT exist.

Volitional control means the choice resides in the individual. It is the individual that enjoys or suffers from the consequence. The choice cannot be delegated or bequeathed, because the consequence cannot be delegated or bequeathed.

What is contemplated by this present legislation is that while the needle goes into MY arm, and the contents interact in MY bloodstream, the greatest impact is experienced by those whose cells are not nourished by MY blood. That notion is patently absurd.

No member of my family will agree to a vaccination. It is our blood, our health, our choice, our consequence. Should we be injured by a vaccine; neither you, nor any member of this legislature, nor any doctor, or any pharmaceutical representative would be held accountable. We, and only we, would bear the consequence.

I urge a NO vote.

Regards,
Jeff Simon
Union County

What's happening to our children? According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, one in six children has a neurologic or learning disorder. In the past few decades there have been marked increases in childhood immune disorder, diabetes, and a precipitous increase in autism (from one in 10,000 to nearly one in 68).

We don't know the answer, but we do know that such rapid changes in disease patterns cannot be caused by genetics; only environmental factors can cause such epidemic alterations, and these factors in combination with genetic susceptibility will produce disease in the vulnerable subpopulation. There are many environmental influences to be considered: pesticides, antibiotic overuse in people and animal products we consume, persistent organic pollutants such as PCB's and plastic byproducts, heavy metals, infectious agents, electromagnetic smog, medications, and vaccines.

Vaccines have been one of the greatest breakthroughs in modern medicine. But we have gone overboard with the number of vaccines administered to US children, giving more vaccines than any other country in the world. Despite this fact, health indicators for our children fall below those of more than 35 other countries in the world. In other words, many other first and even second world countries administer fewer vaccines than we do, yet have healthier children. We start children's vaccines off by immunizing against a sexually and shared needle-transmitted disease, with the Hep B shot given on first day of life. This is ludicrous. Why? Because it's available, marketable, and children are an increasingly captive audience.

There is a subpopulation of children who are medically fragile: allergic, immune depressed, poorly nourished, fighting chronic infections, genetically predisposed (evidenced by having an allergic or autoimmune or autistic sibling). These children are at increased risk for adverse reactions to vaccines, but we have no effective screening measures in place to identify these children and modify their immunization program. In effect, the parents are the primary observers who may recognize hypersensitivity in their child, as pediatricians very rarely choose to withhold vaccines based on chronic health issues. Remember, vaccines are medications, and they have side effects, which can include death. The vaccine schedule presently used in the US is a "one size fits all" approach, which does not serve the needs of medically fragile children. This schedule will be further entrenched if SB 442 is passed. If passed, parents concerned about their child's ability to tolerate our 37 vaccine schedule will face the "Sophie's choices": withdraw their child from school and from the care of their pediatrician. We need to protect the rights of Oregon parents to choose and modify immunization schedules to adapt to their children's health issues. Please squash this bill.

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TESTIMONY: Senate Committee on Health Care, State of Oregon, SB 442

February 18, 2015, 3pm

Respectfully Submitted: Jonathan B. Handley, Portland, OR

I was born in 1969. My father worked for the U.S. Government and I spent my childhood living in foreign countries, including the third world. Specifically, I was born in Singapore, then lived in Laos, Mexico, Korea, Japan, India, and the Philippines.

By my sixth birthday, I received a grand total of **5 vaccines** (Oral Polio, Measles, DPT, Oral Polio, and Typhoid). I still have my shot records and would be happy to share with the committee.

In 1983, attached as Exhibit A, the 1983 immunization schedule for children by the age of 6 recommended **10 vaccines** (DTP, Oral Polio, DTP, Oral Polio, DTP, MMR, DTP, Oral Polio, DTP, Oral Polio).

In 2015, attached as Exhibit B, by the age of 6, the CDC now recommends **37 vaccines** for children before the age of 6. (Hep B, Hep B, Rotavirus, DTaP, Hib, PCV, IPV, Flu, Rotavirus, DTaP, Hib, PCV, IPV, Rotavirus, DTaP, Hib, PCV, IPV, Flu, MMR, Varicella, Hep A, Hep B, DTaP, Hib, PCV, Flu, Hep A, DTaP, IPV, Flu, Flu, Flu, Flu, Flu, MMR, Varicella). Because this is so confusing, I've attached the CDC schedule with my handwritten notes to count the total vaccines.

Interestingly, as opposed to the 37 we have, many other first world countries give far fewer vaccines to children by the age of 6: Iceland (11), Sweden (11), Singapore (13), Japan (11, and pulled the MMR vaccine due to high injury rate), Norway (13), Hong Kong (13), Belgium (18), Austria (19), Israel (11), Denmark (12), Netherlands (20). Please note that every country listed has a lower under-5 mortality rate than the U.S.

Some other facts:

1. The package insert for Merck's MMR vaccine, the only option for parents trying to protect against measles states very clearly:

"Routine administration of DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) and/or OPV (oral poliovirus vaccine) concurrently with measles, mumps and rubella vaccines is not recommended because there are limited data relating to the simultaneous administration of these antigens."

Note: My children and many others receive these vaccines all at once in the United States.

2. Dr. Julian Whitaker, M.D. (Emory University) provides more insight about the paucity of testing of the U.S. schedule:

"You may find this hard to believe, but there is not a shred of evidence to support the safety of giving children so many vaccines, which are administered as early as a few hours after birth and as many as six or eight at a time. And any doctor who assures parents that vaccines are completely safe is flat-out lying...To ascertain immunization safety and efficacy, large comparative studies of the health outcomes of statistically significant numbers of vaccinated and unvaccinated children would have to be conducted. But this has never even been attempted. Yet one vaccine after another has been added to the already overloaded list of required immunizations...Depending upon which vaccine is being administered, a single shot can contain a brew of adulterated bacteria, viruses, aluminum, mercury, formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, and/or numerous multisyllabic chemical additives. To say that repeated exposures to such a wide range of toxins have no cumulative adverse effects on a child's developing nervous and immune systems is more than irrational..."

3. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid out over \$3 Billion to parents due to vaccines injuring their children.

Vaccines save lives. They also cause harm. They are a medical procedure, and the state should never force a medical procedure which is what you are effectively doing if you take away a child's right to education without having every CDC mandated vaccine on the CDC's schedule, the largest vaccine schedule in the free world.

4. PhRMA, the lobbying arm of the vaccine industry, brags that more than 300 vaccines are in development.

"Washington, D.C. (April 20, 2012)— America's biopharmaceutical research companies are developing nearly 300 vaccines for the prevention and treatment of a wide variety of diseases, according to a new report by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). The vaccines – all either currently tested in clinical trials or under review by the Food and Drug Administration – include 170 for infectious diseases, 102 for cancers and eight for neurological disorders."

If you amend SB 244, will parents simply have to comply with every new vaccine added to the schedule? (Companies would not be developing these vaccines if they didn't feel there was a market for them.)

5. By tying vaccination to public education, it becomes an effective mandate, as most Oregon families have neither the time, finances, nor abilities to homeschool their children.

A mandate of a medical procedure violates the very core of medical ethics

code, as clearly stated by the American Medical Association:

"The patient should make his or her own determination about treatment... Informed consent is a basic policy in both ethics and law that physicians must honor, unless the patient is unconscious or otherwise incapable of consenting and harm from failure to treat is imminent."

Here's a quote from attorney Renee Gentry:

"Vaccines are incredibly important, but we should treat them as they are — man-made pharmaceuticals that carry risk. The fear is that if you talk about that at all, people won't vaccinate. To say there is nothing unsafe about vaccines—when you can have a reaction to an aspirin—makes no sense. Informed consent is the underlying basis of medical care, and parents shouldn't have to be afraid to raise questions with their doctors. Because yes, vaccine injuries are rare, but they do exist."

* * *

In the free world, parents have the final say as to what is injected in their children's bodies without losing the right to have their children educated. Canada, the UK, Japan, Ireland, Israel, Germany, Sweden, Norway, etc., etc., etc., the list goes on of countries who leave the final right for medical decisions to the parents. In fact, the only places in the free world where that right isn't inalienable without a loss of education are the U.S. states of West Virginia and Mississippi. And, if SB 244 is amended to remove exemptions in Oregon, then our great state will become the third. Is that really who we are?

There is no imminent threat in Oregon. We've had exactly one reported case of measles. Please do not succumb to the hysteria of 100 measles cases reported nationwide.

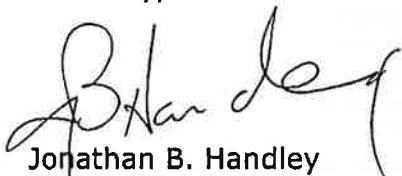
If you paid close attention, what you learned from the recent measles hysteria was that the majority of adult Americans are way behind on their vaccines, which means this notion of "herd immunity" is mythical. How can the herd be protected if 80% or more of adults haven't had their shots?

On that note, the CDC recommended adult schedule will likely be the next target of compulsory mandates. Right now, between the ages of 19 and 65, the CDC recommends every American adult get 73 vaccines (exhibit C). Are all the committee members up to date on their shots? Certainly, with the passage of any change to SB 244 it would be appropriate for every elected or appointed representative in Oregon to get up to speed on their shots, make that public, and also make the shot records of every one of their children public, too, would it not?

Is this really the world we want? I don't. I moved to Oregon ten years ago because of this state's respect and trust in the individual, and because of a history of respecting the inalienable rights and civil liberties of all to make their own decisions. Let's not model our civil liberties after Mississippi and West Virginia. (By the way, Mississippi is contemplating a law to BROADEN their vaccine exemptions, attached as Exhibit D).

I implore you to leave the current vaccination laws in Oregon alone. They were only recently changed. They are working. They are striking the delicate balance between public health and civil liberties and medical freedom. Using SB 244 to remove exemptions will put Oregon's government into a fight with many of its parents that no one wants or needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan B. Handley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "H".

Jonathan B. Handley
Portland, OR

TABLE 1. Recommended schedule for active immunization of normal infants and children (See individual ACIP recommendations for details.)

Recommended age*	Vaccine(s)†	Comments
2 mo.	DTP-1,§ OPV-1¶	Can be given earlier in areas of high endemicity
4 mo.	DTP-2, OPV-2	8-wks-2-mo. interval desired between OPV doses to avoid interference
6 mo.	DTP-3	An additional dose of OPV at this time is optional for use in areas with a high risk of polio exposure
15 mo.**	MMR††	
18 mo.**	DTP-4, OPV-3	Completion of primary series
4-6 yr.§§	DTP-5, OPV-4	Preferably at or before school entry
14-16 yr	Td¶¶	Repeat every 10 years throughout life

*These recommended ages should not be construed as absolute, i.e. 2 mos. can be 8-10 weeks, etc.

†For all products used, consult manufacturer's package enclosure for instructions for storage, handling, and administration. Immunobiologics prepared by different manufacturers may vary, and those of the same manufacturer may change from time to time. The package insert should be followed for a specific product.

§DTP—Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine.

¶OPV—Oral, attenuated poliovirus vaccine contains poliovirus types 1, 2, and 3.

**Simultaneous administration of MMR, DTP, and OPV is appropriate for patients whose compliance with medical care recommendations cannot be assured.

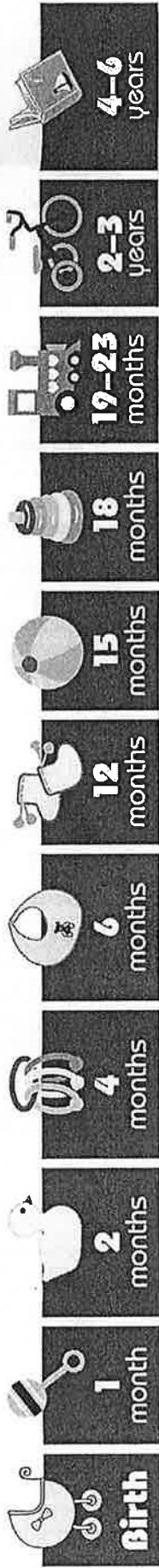
††MMR—Live measles, mumps, and rubella viruses in a combined vaccine (see text for discussion of single vaccines versus combination).

§§Up to the seventh birthday.

¶¶Td—Adult tetanus toxoid and diphtheria toxoid in combination, which contains the same dose of tetanus toxoid as DTP or DT and a reduced dose of diphtheria toxoid.

1983 childhood immunization schedule

2015 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old



HepB 1	HepB 2	RV 3	RV 4	RV 14	HepB 23
DTaP 1	DTaP 2	DTaP 3	DTaP 4	DTaP 5	DTaP 24
Hib 1	Hib 2	Hib 3	Hib 4	Hib 5	Hib 25
PCV 1	PCV 2	PCV 3	PCV 4	PCV 5	PCV 26
IPV 1	IPV 2	IPV 3	IPV 4	IPV 5	IPV 30
					IPV 30
					MMR 36
					Varicella 37
					HepA 28

Is your family growing? To protect your new baby and yourself against whooping cough, get a Tdap vaccine in the third trimester of each pregnancy. Talk to your doctor for more details.

Shaded boxes indicate the vaccine can be given during shown age range.

NOTE: If your child misses a shot, you don't need to start over, just go back to your child's doctor for the next shot. Talk with your child's doctor if you have questions about vaccines.

FOOTNOTES:

- * Two doses given at least four weeks apart are recommended for children aged 6 months through 8 years of age who are getting a flu vaccine for the first time and for some other children in this age group.
- † Two doses of HepA vaccine are needed for lasting protection. The first dose of HepA vaccine should be given between 12 months and 23 months of age. The second dose should be given 6 to 18 months later. HepA vaccination may be given to any child 12 months and older to protect against HepA. Children and adolescents who did not receive the HepA vaccine and are at high-risk, should be vaccinated against HepA.

If your child has any medical conditions that put him at risk for infection or is traveling outside the United States, talk to your child's doctor about additional vaccines that he may need.



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These schedules indicate the recommended age groups and medical indications for which administration of currently licensed vaccines is commonly recommended for adults ages 19 years and older, as of February 1, 2015. For all vaccines being recommended on the Adult Immunization Schedule, a vaccine series does not need to be restarted, regardless of the time that has elapsed between doses. Licensed combination vaccines may be used whenever any components of the combination are indicated and when the vaccine's other components are not contraindicated. For detailed recommendations on all vaccines, including those used primarily for travelers or that are issued during the year, consult the manufacturers' package inserts and the complete statements from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/accip-recommendations.html). Use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not

VACCINE	INDICATION	1 dose IV annually		1 dose IV annually		1 dose IV annually	1 dose IV annually	1 dose IV annually	1 dose IV annually
		Men who have sex with men (MSM)	CD4+ T lymphocyte count < 200 cells/mL	Immunodeficiency (excluding human immunodeficiency virus [HIV])	Immunodeficiency (excluding human immunodeficiency virus [HIV])				
Influenza ²									
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td/Tdap) ²		Substitute 1-time dose of Tdap for Td booster; then boost with Td every 10 yrs							
Varicella ²		2 doses							
Human papillomavirus (HPV) Female ²		3 doses through age 26 yrs							
Human papillomavirus (HPV) Male ²		3 doses through age 26 yrs							
Zoster ²		1 dose							
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) ²		1 or 2 doses							
Pneumococcal 13-valent conjugate (PCV13) ²		1 dose							
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23) ²		1 or 2 doses							
Meningococcal ²		1 or more doses							
Hepatitis A ¹⁰		2 doses							
Hepatitis B ¹¹		3 doses							
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) ¹²		1 or 3 doses							

Figure 2. Vaccines that might be indicated for adults based on medical and other indications

Report all clinically significant postvaccination reactions to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Reporting forms and instructions on filing a VAERS claim for vaccine injury, contact the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 717 Madison Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005; telephone, 202-357-6400. Information on how to file a Vaccine Injury Compensation Program claim is available at www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation or by telephone, 800-338-2382. To file a claim for vaccine injury, contact the CDC-NFOP Contact Center at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) in English and Spanish, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. Use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not imply endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The recommendations in this schedule were approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American College of Physicians (ACP), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).

AGE GROUP	VACCINE	1 dose annually	1 dose annually	1 dose annually	1 dose annually	1 dose annually	1 dose annually	1 dose annually	1 dose annually	1 dose annually
19-27 years	Influenza ²									
22-26 years	Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td/Tdap) ²	Substitute 1-time dose of Tdap for Td booster; then boost with Td every 10 yrs								
27-49 years	Varicella ²	2 doses								
50-59 years	Human papillomavirus (HPV) Female ²	3 doses								
60-64 years	Human papillomavirus (HPV) Male ²	3 doses								
≥ 65 years	Zoster ²	1 dose								
	Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) ²	1 or 2 doses								
	Pneumococcal 13-valent conjugate (PCV13) ²	1-time dose								
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23) ²	1 or 2 doses								
	Meningococcal ²	1 or more doses								
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Figure 1. Recommended adult immunization schedule, by vaccine and age group

Note: These recommendations must be read with the footnotes that follow containing number of doses, intervals between doses, and other important information.

Exhib. 1 C

Mississippi legislators debate increased exemptions from childhood vaccinations

BY: Emily Wagster Pettus

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JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi has some of the worst rates of obesity, diabetes and heart disease in the U.S., but public health officials brag that it ranks best in the nation for childhood immunization.

Physicians are lobbying against a bill that would broaden the exemptions for vaccinations required to enter school or day care. The state health officer, Dr. Mary Currier, says loosening immunization requirements could put people at risk of contracting preventable diseases such as measles.

Members of a group called Mississippi Parents for Vaccine Rights say that they, and not the government, should decide whether and when to immunize their children. More than a dozen parents, some carrying babies or pushing strollers, have been at the Capitol the past two weeks talking to lawmakers and handing out fliers that call the childhood vaccination program "a massive, profit-churning government program."

A leader of the parents' group, Mary Jo Perry of Pelahatchie, has children who are 24, 13 and 11. She said that when her youngest child was 5, he had seizures within 72 hours of having a vaccination.

"I am convinced beyond any shadow of a doubt if I had had him vaccinated when he was a tiny baby, we would not have been as he is today because of the adverse reaction," Perry said in an interview Thursday.

I am writing opposing mandatory vaccinations. Any kind of medical procedure for children should be between the parents and their pediatrician.

Many children are vaccine-injured and still cannot get a medical exemption. What about their rights? What about people who do not believe in vaccinations for whatever reason. What else are you going to decide to mandate? People should have the right to choose medical procedures!

Why is a parent not allowed to look at the vaccine insert, at all the ingredients in that insert, and come to a conclusion that the side effects from those ingredients are worse than the disease they are vaccinating for? What gives you the right to trump a parent over a medical decision for their child?

Did you know that you can't sue a vaccine manufacturer? How is anyone supposed to put any trust when there is no liability?

Did you know that China has a 99% vaccine rate for measles and yet they had over 50,000 confirmed cases of measles in 2014?

Have you even spoken to a parent of a vaccine-injured child? I urge you to do so. Read their stories, look at the healthy "before" and the injured "after" and just try to say there is no such thing as vaccine injury.

I am disgusted by the stance politicians are taking on this matter. Leave the parenting and medical decisions up to the parents!

February 16th 2015

Testimony of Laura Adams RE: SB 442

The freedom of choosing to vaccinate or not is a personal decision, not one to be forced by the government. As Americans and Oregonians, we have the right to choose what we put into our bodies and how to take care of ourselves. This right extends to how we choose to raise our families and our children.

Having the freedom to choose to vaccinate or not, does not harm anyone else in any way. Vaccines are not 100% effective, nor are the ingredients used organic and natural. I have had extensive conversations with my doctors as well as my child's doctor about the risks and benefits.

One main reason I choose not to vaccinate is from my experience. I had a bad reaction to a vaccine, and became very ill. After not feeling well and doing research, it was determined that it was indeed the vaccination that had caused the illness. I don't want myself or my child going through that type of pain and sickness. Employers only give employees so much time off to care for sick children. By vaccinating, my sick time would be reduced to care for my sick vaccinated child.

Parents have the right to choose when it doesn't affect the safety of anyone around them. No other person is at risk if I and my child are not vaccinated. This bill to remove the philosophical exemption gives the government too much power. Power that they should not have and do not require.

If vaccine manufacturers took on responsibility for all the vaccine injured children and vaccines created natural 100% immunity, guaranteed no adverse reactions, than I might change my mind. But that is my right as a parent to choose what I feel is best for my child. Do not change the law. Allow parents to maintain control of their parental rights to choose what medical procedures they feel are safe and beneficial for their children.

Thank you,

Laura Adams

I am writing to testify to why I strongly oppose the proposed removal of all vaccine exemptions other than medical exemptions in Oregon.

1. My child was injured by the MMR vaccine and/or thimerosal in the other vaccines she received. Under this proposed law, she still would not have qualified for a medical exemption, because I could not get either the emergency room doctor, her physician at the time, or her pediatrician later (when she developed tics), to acknowledge even the possibility that her problems might have been caused by the (s). I have strongly suspected this for many years, but until recently had no evidence.

But now, whistleblower William Thompson, researcher at the CDC who has recently been given immunity by the Obama Administration to testify in Congress, has said that the CDC suppressed data indicating that MMR was associated with higher rates of autism in African American boys.

Here's MY smoking gun: he also said that the CDC KNEW that thimerosal can cause tics. Bingo.

Here is his statement:

<http://www.morganverkamp.com/august-27-2014-press-release-statement-of-william-w-thompson-ph-d-regarding-the-2004-article-examining-the-possibility-of-a-relationship-between-mmr-vaccine-and-autism/>

Thimerosal has been removed, you say. But the authorities continue to insist that it poses no dangers, and is still used in some flu vaccines. So you can understand why I am concerned about being forced to do what imperfect authorities say.

The NIH also published a study that showed that girls have a higher rate of emergency room visits after their 12 month MMR vaccination. Bingo. Nine days after my daughter's 12 month MMR, she woke up from a nap screaming and unable to walk. I rushed her to the emergency room, where we waited for a couple of hours, during which time the reaction seemed to fade and the physician told me she was ok. I thought we had dodged a bullet. Until she developed tics in childhood.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24440113>

Under the new law my child would be forced to be vaccinated AGAIN because I could not get any doctor to agree that this is what happened to her. She still will have to manage the tics for the rest of her life, and who knows what else will happen long term?

It's not just thimerosal. For years the authorities insisted that the old DPT shot was safe. That is, until they changed it to make it safer. Medicine is not perfect and it is wrong to force anyone to accept an intervention that they believe is not right for them.

2. It has been long established in American law that parents have the final say in the upbringing of their children. To mandate vaccines is to violate that right and begin a very dangerous precedent of government interference in personal decisions. Parents retain the final say over vaccines in many other countries. Why should Americans have less freedom than citizens of other nations?

There are other ways to manage outbreaks, such as quarantine. This country was founded on individual liberty, and yet how quick we are to abandon those principles. I do not have a moral duty to put my child's health at risk for the sake of the "herd." This whole notion of herd immunity is blinding people to the dangers of giving up their liberties.

People's concerns are rational and based on experience. If the science were as good as we are being told, very few people would refuse vaccinations. The fact that so many people have issues indicates a problem with the science and with medicine, not with parents.

3. This is a panic over a problem that never used to be seen as a horrifying threat. Measles can be serious, but in general most people recover just fine.

The Brady Bunch in the 70's ran a humorous episode about the family getting measles. Clearly the country was not terrified of measles at that time. Can you imagine a sit-com episode about, say, ebola? Of course not.

Furthermore, the vast majority of people are still vaccinated against measles. What is the evidence that the current measles outbreak is caused by low vaccine rates? What percent of the current cases have occurred in vaccinated people? I'm still waiting to learn that information.

4. Many Christians have strong objections for religious reasons to the many vaccines (23 from my latest reading) now manufactured using cells cultured from aborted fetal tissue. They should not be deprived of exercising their religious freedom guaranteed to them in the 1st amendment to the Constitution.

5. Most people who have questions about vaccines are not anti-vaccine on principle. They came to that point because either their child or someone they knew was injured, and they found themselves stonewalled by the medical

community. Why aren't our concerns being addressed? Here some questions I have:

-The veterinary community in 2003 reduced its vaccine schedule for dogs and cats from annually to once every three years, because pets were developing health problems from over-vaccination. Are we to believe that pets can be over-vaccinated but not children? And children receive far more vaccines than our pets ever did.

-Why won't the CDC look at the vaccine schedules of other nations that recommend fewer vaccines and also seem to have fewer chronically ill children? Japan, for example. They don't seem to be dying off in droves and their children are healthier.

- Why won't the CDC do a study comparing the health status of unvaccinated children with vaccinated children? Do they have less autism? Asthma? Fewer allergies? Etc. Still waiting.

-No one has ever given a reason to vaccinate infants for Hep B, when the vast majority would be at no risk for this STD until their teens, when immunity would have worn off anyway. Why are we doing this?

-Vaccine reactions are likely vastly underreported. My child's reaction was never reported. What is the CDC doing to find out what the real truth is about vaccine reactions?

-We continue to be told that it has been established that there is no link between vaccines and autism. But Hannah Poling won a settlement from the vaccine court for her vaccine-caused autism. It is very, very difficult to establish that a vaccine caused any problems at all, but here is one case that got through. With autism now 1 out of 68, and the fact that we know that at least some children are vulnerable, why isn't anyone researching how to find and protect those most at risk?

-Why can't I get a measles only vaccine? One reason links have not been able to be established is conjugates. If there is a reaction, how do we know to which vaccine the child reacted? We can't.

-Currently every new vaccine is immediately added to the mandatory schedule. I believe there are now more than 35 doses for 14 diseases by age six, plus a flu shot recommended annually. No long term studies have been done to establish safety of so many vaccines, and more coming. Are we not engaged in a massive experiment in which we have no idea the outcome?

- Medicine makes many mistakes, dangerous ones, and recent ones. I can think of Vioxx, transvaginal mesh disasters, hip replacement recalls, and then there are old ones such as Thalidomide. Given these facts, is it not wrong to force people into receiving medical interventions whose safety has never been researched, much less established?

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge you to retain the philosophical and religious exemptions to the vaccination requirements. And I request that you use your influence to press the CDC to answer the questions I have raised.

Sincerely,

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Testimony

I have been for more than 20 years in the medical field practicing naturopathy and Chinese Medicine. In those years I have seen many changes regarding vaccination policies. The amount of vaccines given and recommended has skyrocketed immensely. We give vaccines to babies that honestly don't make any sense. We give Hep A and Hep B vaccines. You contract Hep A mostly through contaminated food and Hep B through sex, or needle sharing. So now tell me how in the world are babies eating contaminated food? Babies don't have sex, and don't share needles with addicts. So why do we think it is absolutely necessary to give these vaccines?

Children get 26 various vaccinations during the age of 2 months till the age of 6. More vaccinations are proved right now in this moment. We can expect more mandatory vaccinations for diseases that we do not know yet might be deathly for us. Where does that end?

Vaccinations need a carrier for the virus particle to be injected. These are called adjuvants. In this case aluminium salts are used. Aluminium salts are linked with Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's and other degenerative brain diseases found a study which was independent and had nothing to do with vaccines.

Here is a list of ingredients in vaccines found on a CDC site:

Common substances found in vaccines include:

- **Aluminum** gels or salts of aluminum which are added as adjuvants to help the vaccine stimulate a better response. Adjuvants help promote an earlier, more potent response, and more persistent immune response to the vaccine.
- **Antibiotics** which are added to some vaccines to prevent the growth of germs (bacteria) during production and storage of the vaccine. No vaccine produced in the United States contains penicillin.

- **Egg protein** is found in influenza and yellow fever vaccines, which are prepared using chicken eggs. Ordinarily, persons who are able to eat eggs or egg products safely can receive these vaccines.
- **Formaldehyde** is used to inactivate bacterial products for toxoid vaccines, (these are vaccines that use an inactive bacterial toxin to produce immunity.) It is also used to kill unwanted viruses and bacteria that might contaminate the vaccine during production. Most formaldehyde is removed from the vaccine before it is packaged.
- **Monosodium glutamate (MSG)** and 2-phenoxy-ethanol which are used as stabilizers in a few vaccines to help the vaccine remain unchanged when the vaccine is exposed to heat, light, acidity, or humidity.
- **Thimerosal** is a mercury-containing preservative that is added to vials of vaccine that contain more than one dose to prevent contamination and growth of potentially harmful bacteria.

Is that what you want to give your baby? And you don't think that will cause problems such as allergies, autoimmune diseases or other later on?

But let's talk about the measles outbreak and parents who opt for not vaccinating their children. I am simply amazed about how agitated government officials, doctors and parents react. Measles is a childhood disease, not a new wave of the plague. Is it a more severe disease? Yes. But with good care it is just another of those childhood diseases my generation went through. It was considered necessary to go through childhood diseases so one would not catch it in adulthood. Childhood diseases are for adults indeed most severe. Childhood diseases were considered to improve not only the immune system but also child development. Health and also public health should not be about preventing disease but creating policies that promote good health. That is a very different issue.

A report of the CDC from April 2014 says that measles outbreaks in the 80's and deaths were among low income people pointing to the link between poverty and disease. Studies found that infectious diseases declined steeply in the 20th century, and most deaths were occurring through influenza. Our living conditions improved greatly. In fact, measles incidence rate had declined long before vaccination was done routinely. That means that vaccination is not the true reason why infectious disease rates declined rapidly in the last century. Some articles report 500 deaths of measles annually. The total population here in the States is 318.9 million in 2014. That comes up

to 0.00016 % disease rate here in the US. But 1,640 children died of child abuse here in the US 2014 reported by the child welfare agency. So what are the real issues here?

Why do we need different policies when this outbreak is caused by a strain of virus that is uncommon here in the States? The CDC reported that it is a strain that probably comes from the Philippines as was the case in the outbreak from 2014. Why don't we then change the policy to force vaccination on all travelers who come into the country? Or quarantine them?

All infected people in this outbreak were not vaccinated according to the CDC. So why is everybody so upset? Obviously the vaccination works pretty well for vaccinated people. Unvaccinated children are not killing or infecting vaccinated children! But unvaccinated children are healthier and succumb less to infections and common colds.

This is not only about the freedom to vaccinate or not to vaccinate. This is also about reasonable intervention. This is about a reasonable vaccination plan. What age is appropriate to deal with vaccinations? Which vaccinations make truly sense?

That's what should be discussed.

A medical doctor cannot tell me that vaccination against measles is healthier then to put all the ingredients in a vaccination into the body of my child! To tell any parent that 26 vaccination shots from the age of 2 month till the age of 6 is beneficial, is in my eyes unethical!

Dear Members of the Senate Health Care Committee,

I am writing in reference to the Senate Bill 442 being proposed to eliminate the philosophical and religious exemptions for vaccinations.

Back in 1995, after just celebrating one happy year of marriage, I went to a prenatal visit with my midwife and was referred to the hospital to receive a Rhogam shot because I am Rh- and my husband is not. I was 28 weeks pregnant, the new standard for administering this vaccine. Nobody enjoys vaccines and I had lots of questions but the doctor reassured me that it was perfectly safe. Two weeks later, I stood beside a little gravesite while the body of my daughter was lowered into the ground. I was hysterical. No mother should ever have to experience that.....ever! Adding to my immense grief was a sobering post mortem discussion that I had to have with my OB. An autopsy was ordered on my daughter because I was adopted and had no known medical history. Her little body was well developed and showed no signs of abnormalities. But there was no blood in her. No blood that they could test for other abnormalities or clues to her demise. He said her blood had been destroyed somehow. Rhogam is a vaccine that is given to an Rh- mother that destroys any foreign blood cells that enter her blood stream. In theory, it is genius. But somehow, it crossed my placenta and destroyed my precious daughter's blood cells. At the time, the medical mindset had changed from just giving the injection post-partum to giving it at 28 weeks. My OB recommended that in the future, I receive the Rhogam shot only after I gave birth and I went on to have 6 healthy babies following his medical advice. Her name was Katie May and she would be 19 if she were still alive today.

A few years later, it was time to face vaccines for my firstborn son. I was obviously quite overprotective of him and shared my fears with our physician for whom I worked as an office manager. She was quite informed about vaccines and was trained at some of the most prestigious medical schools. He did experience quite a strong reaction to his first vaccines and she decided to adjust his vaccine schedule a bit and monitor his progress. A few months later he started to develop what I thought were night terrors. He would wake up screaming and swatting at things and seem to be in his own little world. She thought they were night terrors too and felt he would outgrow them. Only when he reached his teen years could he give us a description of what was happening and it seemed to be some sort of sensory seizure type thing that was further exacerbated by certain medications. We weren't sure where to turn and while we have had some discussions with our current doctor, no further investigation was ever done. It is very difficult for parents to discuss vaccine related problems with most doctors these days.

With our second son, we delayed vaccines again because our doctor was concerned that there might be a familial genetic sensitivity. She was adamant that when we did start vaccinating, he only be given certain brands of vaccines....for example the TDaP instead of the DPT. One day, he tripped and hit his head on a piece of furniture and got a small split. My husband took him to the ER. The ER doctor recommended a tetanus booster. He threatened to call DHS if my husband did not comply. So, my husband authorized a TDaP. The doctor said the hospital did not carry that. So, he authorized a tetanus only. He was none the wiser when the doctor administered the vaccine. It was only later when we received the billing that we found out our son had received a DPT vaccine. Following this vaccine, our son became extremely ill and weak. His fever shot up to 103 for a couple days. When our doctor came to our house to check on him, she considered admitting him to the hospital, but decided that it might

not be best to move him. Her biggest concern was getting his fever down. She gave us several suggestions and also approved us using other methods like herbal tinctures to try and get his fever down. Those recommendations began to work and his fever did come down. He slowly regained his strength.

I took a walk a few days later as my son was finally resting peacefully. I had been in the house for several days at his side. I remember considering that I was watching the life drain out of him....the light in his eyes seemed like it was dimming. Have you ever watched the life seep out of your child or someone precious to you? It is agony. I'd already stood at the grave of one child; I was so thankful that I was spared that again. My son did slowly recover, but he was never the same. He was not able to speak as he once had nor were his abilities at the point they had previously been. And I feel lucky, because when I see the devastation other families face, I feel what we deal with is mild in comparison.

But this is the problem. There is no help for families like us. We are vilified for being ignorant. I have spent more time researching vaccines and their side effects than I ever cared to. I have agonized over the decision of what to do if there is an outbreak of some dread disease or my child contracts something. You see the responsibility is placed on the parent either way. The pharmaceutical companies and the medical community do not offer help. And they force you to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that your child has been harmed in any way by a vaccine. They are dismissive of circumstantial evidence. I have been wondering why the companies and the medical community do not create a test that can be performed on my child's blood or DNA that would show if they are indeed susceptible to the ingredients in a vaccine.....and perhaps develop some alternative for those who do have a sensitivity. That seems logical and compassionate. But the fact is, they do not.....and they have no answers for those who have been harmed.

I am not one to usually stir the pot. I figured that my family would work quietly with our doctor and deal with things according to her expertise. But then it came time to enroll the children in school. No problem, our doctor happily agreed to sign a medical exemption in our case. Imagine my surprise, and hers, when the county health nurse called. She very nicely and clearly explained to me that my doctor's waiver was not good enough. The health department needed to record a reaction to each vaccine, the dates they were received, the dates of the reaction, if the reaction matched the adverse side effects listed for each vaccine. After listening to our experience, she agreed that submitting my children to all the vaccines in order to establish the basis for a medical exemption was probably not in our best medical interest. She advised me to sign the religious exemption which was the only other option then.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Committee on Health Care, do you understand what I just relayed. In order to prove my children had adverse reactions, I would have to submit them once again to the vaccines and record the adverse reaction. We see in the world of allergies that second exposures are often worse than the first. That is cruel! My physician's opinion was not enough to get a medical exemption. Maybe Senator Hayward does not understand that her medical opinion as a physician already does not count in our current system. Perhaps she believes she is putting forth this proposal in the best interest of our citizens. But as a scientist, she must surely admit that there are anomalies to any situation. She is proposing to cut off one of the only ways that parents really have of dealing with those anomalies. (I would also like to point out that she has a financial interest in vaccinations. She gets paid to administer them, so she has an extreme prejudice in this discussion.)

Making vaccination issues and discussions more difficult for parents is not the answer to this problem. Truthfully, I would love to just get my kids their shots and enjoy dinner with all seven of my children gathered around the table, happy and healthy. That is not my reality. And I'm sorry, but I've come to the point that the burden of proof that this will not happen again to my children lies at the feet of the organizations that want to administer them. The recent measles outbreak in California has caused a lot of concern. We have been told for years that measles has been eradicated. There are 141 confirmed cases this year, most from that incident. In 2014, there were over 600 measles cases nationwide according to the CDC. And for many years there have been a little less than 100 to around 200 cases per year. The recent incident is not a cause for panic. While serving as the Assistant to the City Administrator for the City of Mt. Angel, I assisted the city government, in cooperation with many other local entities, in creating the Pandemic Flu Plan. I understand the complexities of and fears about outbreaks of diseases. But 141, among all the millions of Americans, with no deaths reported, is statistically insignificant. For my family, we have a 60% rate of adverse reactions to those receiving vaccinations (2 younger boys had TDaP in their teens) with a 20% mortality rate. That is statistically significant!

My oldest son is now facing college where vaccinations are also required. At 18, he has medical authority over himself. He is really struggling with what to do. He has been seizure free for over two years. He doesn't have many options for refusing, but he wants to go to college. He takes extremely good care of himself. And the fear of these diseases can get to us too....even when we look at the statistics. But is it worth the potential of having seizures again....or a regression as his brother faced? These are the questions this family grapples with.

In light of this information, and the stories of the many families who stay silent as I had chosen to do for so many years, I ask you to please allow the religious and philosophical exemptions to remain. That was the only means I had of protecting my children in the face of a medical community that is unable to give me answers; who would force my child to endure more of the adverse reactions in order to fill a box to grant a medical exemption. Surely, something must be done. In the absence of other methods of acknowledging and dealing with adverse reactions, it is even more imperative that parents continue to have the right to determine the medical care for themselves and their families. They need to have the ability to speak freely to their family physician without fear of coercion or threats.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

Michele Hall

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I am writing to express my opposition to Bill SB 442, which will further restrict a parent's right to make informed choices about their children's vaccines. If the Oregon Legislature wants to be an advocate for children, I would urge them to instead put their energy into removing all traces of Thimerosal (ethyl mercury) from all childhood vaccines, including the flu vaccine which is now recommended for pregnant women.

It has now come to light that the CDC knew of the dangers of mercury and chose to ignore them for economical reasons. Ethyl mercury injected into the bloodstream along with aluminum (vaccine adjuvant) is far more potent to a newborn or fetus than the methyl mercury already imbedded in our environment and food chain. How can we in one breath tell pregnant women to avoid tuna and then inject 25 mcg. (amount in the flu vaccine) of mercury into her body?!

Please research this on your own and don't just repeat the party line from the CDC. A good place to start is Safeminds.org. Also a new documentary was just released called, Trace Amounts, and it was very compelling. We saw it in Portland this past Thursday and it was sold out.

Rather than forcing parents to vaccinate their kids on a one-size-fits-all schedule, our government should force pharmaceutical companies to make safer vaccines. Then let's work on the vaccine schedule. Let's have a schedule that prioritizes the safety of the child and not the pocket book of the vaccine manufacturers. I think you will find that once parents feel like the government has their back and not the drug company's, we will be less resistant to forced vaccinations.

Sincerely,
MyLinda King
Mother of a vaccine-injured son

To the committee of SB 442,

I am gravely concerned at the proposal of this bill for three, clear reasons.

First, I have a sweet daughter that is HIGHLY allergic to eggs. I had no clue about this during my pregnancy or her early days of infancy. I was made aware of the potential reaction in vaccinations due to the incubation of the live virus in chicken DNA. I chose (as a very aware and informed parent) to NOT vaccinate my sweet daughter. She is a healthy and happy 11 year old today. IF I had not been informed of this risk of immunizing , she would have had a very low survival rate. She very possibly could have DIED. This is not an option that I'm interested in contemplating. Death of babies is a very, very real option with immunizations.

My second reason is regarding the process. I am avidly pro-life. The latest process for developing vaccinations includes the use of aborted fetus'. I am disgusted and appalled at this use of human life. The thought of an unborn child being used and then injected into my sweet child's bloodstream breaks my heart. I fail to see how this is happening in a culture and time where we value life and freedoms so boldly. How can we allow babies to be used medically to grow medicine for other babies?? Is this what we want to allow as a state/nation/people?

And lastly, FREEDOM. The informed and highly-researched parents of un-vaccinated children have every right and freedom to raise their own children as they desire. It is not a matter of state or government whether I make a medical decision for my child. It is MINE. This is why we love America! This is why we fight so fiercely for other countries so that they can have the same freedom to make their own choices. Why give this right away? It is terrifying and ridiculous to imagine. I will NEVER give my children immunizations and I stand amazed that I have to FIGHT for the right to parent on this moral and deeply-personal topic of immunizations.

I have watched, read, listened and participated in the current method of seeking exemption for my 3 children who are in the school system. I felt like this information was extremely one-sided and demeaning. I do NOT take my choice lightly and even receive opposition from close friends regarding my anti-immunization stance. This is not a lazy, un-informed parent that lives in Oregon and chooses to avoid the side effects of vaccines. I implore this committee to stand up for US...the parents that care enough to make this choice, the parents that care about our sweet children's long-term health, the parents that simply want what is ours. FREEDOM to make a choice.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kraus

Hello,

It has come to my attention that there is an attempt to pass a bill (SB 442) that would limit our freedom when it comes to vaccine choices and I ask that you put every effort in to stop it.

I am not opposed to vaccines and parents choosing them for their children, though choose not to vaccinate due to family history (immediate and extended) of adverse reactions to vaccines and after much research do not feel that they are a safe choice for our family.

A few years ago, my cousin's infant was vaccinated. My cousin and his wife did not want to do this but the doctor used very forceful and threatening language with them until they conceded. That night, their son had an adverse reaction to the vaccine and he spent a couple of days in the ICU.

I also have a religious and moral objection to using vaccines that were cultured on cells that come from aborted fetal tissue.

I feel that making vaccines mandatory or making exemptions difficult or impossible to get trespasses strongly on the freedoms we have as citizens and parents who are making the choices we feel best for our family.

Thank you for your time,

Nina Nelson

Shalom Mama

<http://www.shalommama.com>

Simple wellness

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for taking the time to hear my position on the vaccination mandate that is currently being proposed for the state of Oregon. I'd like to start by telling you a little bit of history about myself. I was born in the Czech Republic, formerly known as Czechoslovakia. Thirty three years ago, my family escaped what was then a communist country. My parents fled from their homeland in order to gift me the opportunity of freedom. They left everything, including a home they built with their own bare hands, brick by brick for 3-straight years. They left their friends & family, and literally risked their lives to bring me to the United States of America. This bill would be taking away my religious and philosophical **freedom** to have informed choice regarding what is medically right for my family. I would no longer be able to work with my doctor to determine which vaccinations are appropriate for my children, and what schedule is the safest to follow based on their medical history and current health. This is a violation of my constitutional rights, and because of that, I strongly oppose this bill! It is not the governments place to decide if (and which) vaccinations are right for my body or my child's. Furthermore, it is absolutely impossible to have the government list ALL of the possible medical conditions that should be considered medical exemptions. Not everyone fits into one medical mold. My husband and I, along with our family doctor, should be the ones to determine what is best for our children's health and safety.

Clearly there are risks and benefits of both vaccinating and not vaccinating. I see the value of some of these vaccinations, and agree that some of the diseases are very serious. However, I also feel that some of the vaccinations have a much higher risk vs benefit ratio. For example, giving newborns the Hepatitis B vaccination, which can only be transmitted via sex and IV drug use, is absurd! My child, not being vaccinated for this, is in no way putting others at risk. The only danger here is to my newborn baby who would be unnecessarily poisoned with 250 micrograms of aluminum, amongst other ingredients which are potentially harmful. Furthermore, I worry about other (and potentially many) vaccinations which will be added to the list, and not having the autonomy to pick and choose which ones are appropriate for my family, and/or at which age is right given my child's circumstances and full medical picture.

I see this proposal as a dangerous slippery slope, causing more harm than "protection" for our community here in Oregon. In fact, if this bill passes, it will force parents to do things far more dangerous than not vaccinating children for diseases which are rare. Inevitably, parents will pull their children out of school, those who are pregnant will potentially choose unassisted home births and not file birth certificates. Also, parents could choose to not take their babies and/or children to the doctor for well visits. They may even may go as far as not taking their children to the hospital to seek medical attention when needed, all out of fear of getting "caught" not vaccinating! Then what, these kids will be taken away from their families? How are we prepared to handle that? This amendment is not protecting our children! It a violation of our rights as parents and is unconstitutional. Please protect the freedom that this country was founded on, the freedom for which my family worked so hard, and risked their lives, to offer me. I urge you to really consider *all* aspects of what this bill would mean for the children and families in Oregon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Petra Best Prostednik

As a mother of 3 young children I have a sincere interest in this bill and voicing my strong opposition to this and any other amendment or proposed legislation that seeks to limit or impede a parents right to choose to vaccinate or not vaccinate their child. As a busy mother of 3 small children I also am not able to attend this hearing as I so desperately would like. So please take my written statement into consideration on this topic.

You will hear many stories from parents of children who have been injured or killed by a vaccine. You will hear many more from parents who saw their child digress into autism following vaccination. And there are hundreds of thousands more who have children who suffer from severe allergies or autoimmune diseases as a result of the current vaccination schedule. These are all stories that should give you insight into the damage that is unavoidable done by vaccines and a reason to continue to allow parents to make that choice for their child.

I am (fortunately) not one of those parents today. I am the college educated middle class woman who was curious about the rise in autism before I even had children and researched every vaccination and study I could find regarding vaccines and disease once I had children. I am the parent who through my own medical experience realized that the ultimate burden of any medical decision lies within the patient that suffers the consequence and not the Dr. that recommends it or the pharmaceutical company that promotes it or (in this case) the government that mandates it. Having obsessively researched this topic I am flooded with so much information I want to share. Information That I hope you are aware of, and that if you were I believe we would be having a very different conversation. But today, in an attempt to be brief, here is just two logical and factual things for you to consider:

1) **THE SCIENCE:**

A) Pro vaccine proponents say the science is on their side. Ask for it. Read it. Question it. Who is it funded by? What does it actually say? It doesn't say exactly what they tell you it does. And some of it is fraudulent as admitted by recent CDC Whistleblower William W Thompson who admitted that he lied and covered up data showing a correlation between MMR and Autism. Also research the two recent Merck scientist turned whistleblowers who exposed fraudulent science in regards to the effectiveness of the MMR.

B) Where is the study of the health outcomes of never vaccinated vs fully vaccinated children? The Oregon health department claims this exists and that the health outcomes are the same.

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/VaccineSafety/Documents/VacQAParents.pdf>

I called and asked them for this study and the two they sent me were not this at all. I called back and spoke to the supervisor who couldn't produce this either. Because it doesn't exist. Never has a study been conducted in the US comparing the health outcomes of vaccinated vs never vaccinated children. Congressman Bill Posey has been trying to push for a study like this but to date it has not occurred. Until this is done with out being funded or supported by those with a

conflict of interest can any one of any intelligence debate the safety of vaccines. **ASK FOR THE STUDY TO BE DONE. Ask WHY it hasn't been done** (The answer as to why is they will say that it is unethical to not vaccinate a group of children. However, if unvaccinated children are growing such great numbers that you would like to claim it is a public health risk - which it is not- there are certainly enough volunteers for this study).

I had this conversation with the Oregon Department of Health back in July of 2013. I am a busy mother of 3 kids and aside from explaining that I think it is unethical to lie to parents who are looking for answers and don't have the time or desire to research things to death like myself, I left it at that. I am no longer leaving it at that. I think it is outrageous that our department of health is placing misleading information on their website and I have already contacted media outlets to investigate this further. The public deserves a true debate and factual information, not just misleading propaganda statements that claim science is on their side, when really that is very questionable at best.

**** What scientific medical study can prove anything without a true placebo or control group?**

C) Science is not absolute. In the early 1900's sears sold injectable heroin in nice little kits out of their catalog. Smoking did not cause lung cancer according to numerous studies (conducted by the tobacco companies). The world isn't flat. And any immunologist will tell you that we don't fully understand the way our immune system works. To think we know everything about everything because of current science (and then consider how reputable is that science- who funded it, who conducted it and what are thier vested interests) defies common logic. Read the package inserts. Look at the vaccine ingredients. Aluminum (a known neurotoxin), animal tissue, aborted human fetal tissue, MSG, egg protien, formaldehyde. Do we know the long term effects of injecting unknown human and animal DNA into our bodies? Again- look at the study comparing the health of completely unvaccinated children to that of fully vaccinated children. Oh, wait you can't, because no studies like this exists in the US.

D) Look at the statistics just on Measles- according to the CDC there have been 0 measles deaths in the past 10 years, and 111 deaths from the MMR Vaccine (which could be a very small representation as many doctors choose not to associate death and other adverse reactions as relating to the vaccination but as a 'coincidence.' Who are you to say that one child's life is more important than another. That a death from the measles virus is more tragic than a death from the vaccine?

2) Our basic Human Rights

it is a violation of basic Human Rights to force an injection of anything into anyone's body for any reason period. And the more you travel down the path of limiting choice with our bodies and medical intervention the closer you are to creating a human rights disaster. That sounds so outrageous to say. But really think about it. Every vaccine carries with it the risk of injury or death as admitted by the package insert. Whether or not it is the cause of our exploding autism epidemic and the rise of severe allergy and auto immune disease- even without that, every vaccination carries with it the know risk of injury or death. As a human population we are

willing to say we must inject a foreign substance into our bodies and that of our babies without our consent? With threat of penalty, and to be denied access to education and other basic rights. I am appalled by this thought. As a human being. Vaccines are neither 100% safe or 100% effective.

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Benjamin Franklin

Those are just two points of many to ponder before you take any further steps limiting an individual's right to choose what is injected into their child's body or our own.

Thank you for your time. Please take a personal interest in answering these questions and protecting or basic human rights.

Sincerely,
Concerned mother of 3

Chairwoman Anderson and members of the committee, my name is Sunshine L Brown. I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a college professor and one of the founding admins of Oregonians for Vaccine Truth and Healthcare Choice. I oppose any variation to SB442 that will restrict my options for philosophical and religious exemptions to vaccines or any other medical treatments for myself or for my children.

I am a citizen of the state of Oregon and of the United States of America. While I can go on and on about the issues surrounding the safety and efficacy of vaccine usage to counter disease—a topic that is not at all agreed upon among professionals or the medical community, what is more concerning about SB442 is the attempt to do away with our Constitutional rights and more so, our Human Rights.

Please do not allow this to happen in Oregon. Do not set this precedent. Deciding on any medical treatment is an individual's right and certainly parents' right over their children (in discussion with their medical care provider). It is a difficult, not to be taken lightly endeavor. I assure you that parents take these matters seriously. Many families have experienced severe vaccine injury and have no recourse since our government has chosen to protect pharmaceutical companies from liability.

To allow the government to mandate medical treatment is a scary overreach. I am sure it is not one that you want for your life or your family. Oregonians do not either. Please reject any additions to SB 442 that restrict our philosophical and religious exemption abilities.

SB 132 and SB442 as it stands, which requires parents to either discuss options with their health care provider or watch the module and earn a certificate are fair compromises. I have completed the module and while it is slightly one-sided, I felt that it was a good base of information as parents begin their journey of researching the issues surrounding vaccine choice. It is a good beginning for informed consent, something we all value.

I appreciate your taking the time to read my letter. I thank you for making wise choices for all of us: Rejecting any changes or additions to SB442 that rescind our Human and Constitutional Rights.

Sincerely,

Sunshine L Brown, MA TC

Hello!

My name is Suzanne. I was injured by the hepatitis B vaccine at the age of 18. Please support choice when it comes to vaccination. I know it is hard to do that when everyone attacks you for it.

I am just a mom who wants to decide what vaccines my children get. I am not a bad parent for not using every vaccine on the market.

I am part of the 1 in a million. I know what can happen when vaccines harm, and how doctors will refuse to acknowledge a vaccine injury. As a result of my experience I believe in education, support, and choice when it comes to vaccinations.

Instead of removing exemptions please consider supporting stricter laws against those who read their smart phones while driving. The risk of death due to this choice is far greater than a few who vaccinate selectively or not at all.

Most people will vaccinate.

Please allow people choice in vaccination, because sometimes people do get hurt by a vaccine.

We can vaccinate women during pregnancy. Give some vaccines sooner to infants like other countries. Give MMR and DPT (whole cell more effective) to ALL adults, because their childhood shots wore off. Doctors can have separate rooms for sick kids and well baby visits. Just isolating unvaccinated children is not going to do much. We need to stop this coercive behavior, and find ways to support everyone's needs.

Forced vaccination is not the answer when no vaccine is 100% safe. Reactions may be rare, but the denial of them is not. The vaccine injury compensation program is an insult to families already suffering.

Thank you for your time.

Suzanne

PARENTS FOR ETHICAL RESEARCH

On October 14, 2014, a complaint was filed with the Office of Research Integrity and the relevant authority at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As a result of this Complaint, there may be serious legal consequences going forward as pertaining to clients in your practice or place of business.

This notice calls for your immediate attention to scientific misconduct at the National Immunization Program of the CDC. Full details of this misconduct, confirmed in a public statement by CDC Senior Scientist and co-author of the science in question, Dr. William Thompson, can be found at http://media.wix.com/ugd/b3aa2b_da6435ff9a2144d6aa3358fec58550af.pdf.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the above misconduct and to make you aware that CDC scientists identified and concealed statistically significant data that showed causal associations between MMR vaccination timing and autism risk in specific subgroups of children.

At a minimum, informed consent for the administration of MMR vaccinations should include a detailed reference to the above noted Complaint and/or copy of the Complaint itself to the parents of prospective recipients of the MMR vaccine.

Respectfully,

Parents for Ethical Research

I am most concerned that Oregon would want to take away our right to a philosophical and religious exemption for vaccines. So I am urging you to vote NO on SB 442.

Why am I so opposed to this?

I have had vaccine damage in my own family with my own children. Also I am opposed that the Free America we live in would force these drugs upon us.

My dear daughter, Allegra, At the age of 17 received the MMR vaccine in June 1998 because the state of TN required a second MMR. She developed chronic fatigue within two weeks of MMR. By the time school started Allegra would be sleeping three to four hours a day after school. She had to drop out of dance, karate, school plays, etc. The MMR Insert says it causes chronic fatigue in one of 14,000 teenage girls, and Allegra also told me that some of her friends were really sick after getting MMR. Allegra never had acne problems before MMR and at age 17 started having acne issues. I'm looking at this TN certificate of Immunizations for Allegra. Under Rubella it says: Females who have attained their 13th birthday are NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO HAVE RUBELLA VACCINE, but it is highly recommended. Aunt Penny (Nurse and attorney and current VP Sutter Health Systems) thought it was the Rubella part of the MMR vaccine that made her really sick.

My husband, Greg, was telling me this morning that his skin was always clear and his senior year of high school he received a HEP B vaccine as they thought they were exposed to it somehow. He started having horrible acne his senior year following that. It was very bad acne and very embarrassing for him.

Also, my son, Jacob, was in the 504 program at school, Children with Disabilities because of his mega ADD. Jacob also has multiple food allergies. He's allergic to raw fruits and nuts that make his throat itch and sometimes those reactions are worse at times. He is unable to eat without itching: Raw apples, (peaches, apricots, nectarines-the worst), coconut, melons, and all nuts except peanuts. One time I made him a peach protein drink and he was driving into Portland and was having a very hard time with terrible itch as his throat was closing. On an allergy blood test he also tested allergic to: wheat, dairy, things in the rose family that included radishes and also citrus. When he was a toddler he would have terrible left knee, left wrist and left kidney pain. When we applied the O blood type diet (NO WHEAT especially) it alleviated a lot of that chronic pain.

His older brother, a family medicine physician, says that children that are vaccinated have much higher incidences of asthma and allergies than non-vaccinated children.

I just feel that for Jacob at one day of age to get a HEP B shot (his record says HIB), and then so many shots at 2,4, 6 months etc., so much more than my older children got, caused his allergies and ADD.

And my daughter's friend Chrissy developed Thrombocytopenia which can happen from MMR. A *CAUSAL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN MEASLES*—mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine and idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) was confirmed using immunisation/hospital admission record linkage. The absolute risk within six weeks of immunisation was 1 in 22 300 doses, with two of every three cases occurring in the six week post-immunisation period being caused by MMR. Children with ITP before MMR had no vaccine associated recurrences.

You get Hep B from intravenous drugs and promiscuous sexual activity. They looked at the Chinese women who had high rates of HEP B and decided we need to vaccinate babies here. It's maddening to me. Then by the time a person would be becoming sexually active, the vaccine wears off. That's one that definitely needs to be taken off the schedule for one day old infants.

GALEN – Below is a letter I sent to my daughter and her husband and my other children after witnessing how 13 month old Galen almost died over Thanksgiving 2014 from a breath holding event, which is listed on VAERS as an adverse event.

In the many articles I have read, breath holding is nothing to take lightly. Dr. Southall, from England, published a paper on this adverse event. When some other doctor wrote a rebuttal to it basically saying "nothing to worry about here folks, move along," Dr. Southall replied that breath holding (BH) is nothing to take lightly, as of the 51 children he studied, 16% died. BH is not something the child does on his own because he's mad and trying to get to someone. As you will see, there is a physical abnormality or ischemic damage causing this.

I have been consumed with an image in my mind that will never be forgotten. A motionless cyanotic baby boy, a very frightened mother wondering why isn't he breathing (believing what she'd been told that it's nothing to worry about, they grow out of it, they catch their breath on their own). After running across the road to the other parking lot to bring Lincoln (my physician son) over, Galen was even more blue when I returned, and then finally after what I'd say was about 3 1/2 minutes total time – seemed an eternity, his little hands started twitching, he seized – that last ditch effort by the body to get the heart pumping and respiration started and that precious oxygen to the brain cells, and finally breathed. I have never been so frightened for someone I so dearly love in all my life. Even Opa Greg was traumatized and full of sorrow and compassion for his beloved daughter to have had to endure such an experience.

So yes, I have been consumed with finding an answer as to why it happened and what can be done about it. I believe a part of the puzzle is found with the following information. I wanted to get this to you because I know that 15 to 18 months is coming up and know what that means for babies in America. MMR vaccine. Govt and corporations force many multiple drugs upon about a 20 pound little child, they don't even give that many to full grown adults, and who knows what their interactions are

(vaccines are drugs) as there have been no safety studies on multiple vaccine combinations.

The information below is very informative on why ischemic events occur in the brain. Basically, vaccines produce greater amounts of white blood cells in the blood stream which block the path of the much smaller red blood cells carrying oxygen to the capillaries and causes these ischemic events in the brain. Blood flow is stopped to different areas of the brain and cranial and facial nerve damage often occurs. You can see it show up in facial features via compromised facial muscle function. This damage does not show up on an MRI, or other diagnostic imaging as the capillaries are so very small according to the MD below. It's something a pediatric neurologist would not have found that you had gone to in SLC after this event. It's so small and minute, yet so damaging.

This following research is by an MD, that was at one time being groomed as the minister of health of Canada.

His approach is unique as no one put together the correlation between cranial nerve damage and ischemic events and how it relates to vaccines and other toxins in the environment. Allegra, because you are so aware of facial details, I think it would be fascinating to you.

His credentials are impressive. Dr. Andrew Moulden had a PhD in Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology. He had a master's degree in child development and finally became a medical doctor.

He unexpectedly died Nov 2013, at age 49. No one really knows how. The why's are speculative as he'd told his close associates that he was going to release information that would totally be a paradigm shift for the germ theory and vaccines. From what I read he was not making drug companies and govt agencies happy. He spent the last years of his life testifying before the Vaccine Damage Court and other courts of parents of vaccine damaged children. He spent all of his money trying to save families and children.

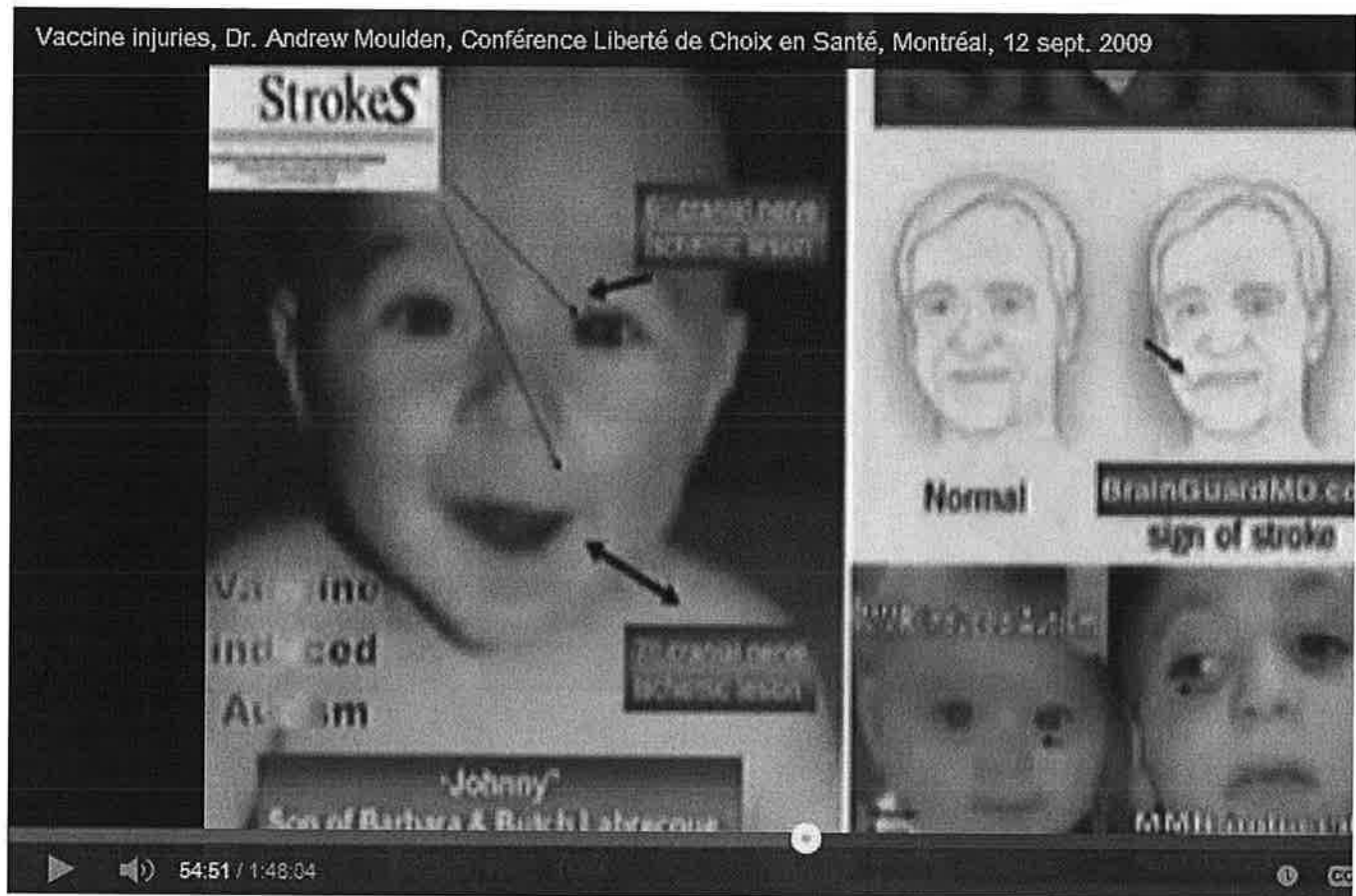
I do hope you take the time to watch his videos at the bottom of this link. Both of them please. I was blown away by it to put it mildly. And I want Galen to live a healthy wonderful life as well as his parents. I want this for all of my children, their spouses and all the grandchildren.

<http://healthimpactnews.com/2014/dr-andrew-moulden-every-vaccine-produces-harm/>

I believe Galen has 6th cranial nerve damage on one side of the face and explains the inward turning left eye, it's there, and it also affects breathing issues causing SIDS, which we were all witnesses of..

Galen





From Dr Moulden info:

More serious damage is occurring when there is palsy to the outer corner of both eyes. In this situation, weakness to the outside corners of both eyes causes the eyes to rest in a misaligned position.

Both eyes will appear to deviate in an inward direction toward the nose. This means that the palsy has affected the sixth cranial nerve on both sides of the face. This situation is more times than not ischemia in the brain.

The oxygen deprivation happens without pain, thus it is silent. The deviations in normal eye movement are a subtle neurological sign of damage in process.

In cases of sudden infant death, we realize that the controls for the left and right movements of the eye are right beside the centers in the brainstem that control automatic respiration. This section of the brain tells our lungs to breathe. As a result, when strokes occur in this area, they might start silently as evidenced by one eye turning inward.

both-eyes-turned-in

If the restriction in blood flow to this tiny area continues and expands to include both eyes (greater damage), and then the blockage expands to include the respiration center, then sudden death can occur. Sometimes death of this type can happen during sleep without the neurological features when a stroke to the tiny capillaries in the respiration center takes place. However, a stroke to the sixth cranial nerve can be a serious warning regarding the possibility of sudden death for an infant or a person of any age.

An important case that illustrates this pattern of respiratory failure was seen in a baby who became seriously ill within 4 hours of receiving the MMR vaccine. The parents of baby M realized that he was having a serious problem. His condition continued to deteriorate even after several visits to the doctor. He was hospitalized after seizures, and went into respiratory failure while hospitalized. He was put on a ventilator to keep him alive. When he was in the hospital doctors did a cerebral perfusion scan to evaluate blood flow in the brain. The scan showed normal vital signs, normal blood pressure, normal heart rate, etc. but there was no blood flow through the brain.

When the blood supply can't move through the brain, the functioning of the brainstem is destroyed. This prevents a person from remaining alert and awake, and it takes out the brainstem area for respiration, which will ultimately bring death. His family and his physicians watched him slowly die while the respirator did his breathing for him. Basically they were watching his brain as he went through the stages of sudden infant death after vaccine exposure. [1]

- See more at: <http://vaccineimpact.com/2015/dr-andrew-moulden-learning-to-identify-vaccine-damage/#sthash.3mks2omY.5JdTbLno.dpuf>

VAERS – Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System

Approximately 1 % of vaccines are reported to VAERS, the US system of reporting vaccine adverse events. Many people do not know about it. Many doctors and nurses are convinced that the child's seizures, SIDS etc., have nothing to do with vaccines. They are coincidences. Right now we have 1 in 68 children with autism. I agree with Rep Posey that better diagnosing is not accounting for the 1 in 68 children, but the huge level of vaccines added to the childhood vaccine schedule does have something to do with it.

What is the state of OREGON going to do with all of these vaccine damaged children? Who will pay for their care? The US vaccine court has paid out over \$3 billion in damages since its inception in 1986. Vaccine companies and doctors were concerned because of so many lawsuits. The vaccine companies said they were not going to make vaccines anymore if they didn't have complete immunity from lawsuits. So that Vaccine

Injury Compensation Act was passed in 1986 by Congress and signed into law by Pres Reagan.

When a vaccine is safety tested it is just compared against another vaccine. So their safety tests are terrible. Also when they get FDA clearance it's for one vaccine (a drug) but then they go ahead and put them in combination. It's just too much abuse for a small immune system. Children are getting 9 vaccines (9 drugs at a time) and we don't know the interaction consequences as they've never been studies.

My grandson, Galen, my daughter, Allegra, and my son, Jacob, were never reported to VAERS. Galen's physician father and physician assistant mother, think it's all coincidence.

My son, Lincoln, family medicine physician, believes the vaccines are a factor in his adverse event.

CDC Whistleblower.

You should also know that U.S. Congressman Bill Posey is working with William Thompson, a CDC vaccine scientist with the CDC. He came out in August 2014 that they had manipulated the studies with the MMR and Autism. They had an unusually high percentage of African-American males that became autistic after getting the MMR vaccine under 36 months of age.

<http://healthimpactnews.com/2015/obama-grants-immunity-to-cdc-whistleblower-on-measles-vaccine-link-to-autism/>

Posey was concerned about the revolving door between the CDC and vaccine companies. The current Merck Vaccine president was head of the CDC. He calls it an incestuous relationship and unacceptable. He also mentions Paul Thorsen, a Danish researchers that basically made off with the CDC money and falsified vaccine safety research, that they still use to convince us that vaccines are safe.

<http://www.ageofautism.com/2014/04/congressman-posey-accuses-cdc-over-corruption-.html>

Complaint against the CDC from October 2014 involving the CDC whistleblower
http://media.wix.com/ugd/b3aa2b_da6435ff9a2144d6aa3358fec58550af.pdf

Here are 97 citations citing VACCINE AUTISM LINK, even though we're told there are not any.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/220807175/86-Research-Papers-Supporting-the-Vaccine-Autism-Link>

Andrew Wakefield's partner was exonerated after going to the highest British Medical Court. It cost him over 500,000 pounds, which Wakefield did not have those funds to defend himself.

<http://www.ageofautism.com/2012/03/professor-john-walker-smith-exonerated-in-autism-mmr-case.html>

As the Supreme Court decided in 2011, that vaccines would continue to be exempt from lawsuits, the court determined that, "Vaccines are unavoidably unsafe."

This comment is from Sotomayor and supported by Ginsberg who both dissented. I also agree with Sotomayor that because they have no liability and states cannot sue, they have no incentive to change their vaccine and make it better.

"The Committee has set forth Comment K in this bill because it intends that the principle in Comment K regarding 'unavoidably unsafe' products, i.e., those products which in the present state of human skill and knowledge cannot be made safe, apply to the vac-

³This leaves the question of what precisely §22(b)(1) means by "unavoidable" side effects, which I address in the next section.

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cines covered in the bill and that such products not be the subject of liability in the tort system." *Id.*, at 25–26.

<http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-152.pdf>

But to me....vaccines and tobacco are very much alike.

Look at this add from the 1950's. For me I can just substitute tobacco for vaccines.

For a long time, physicians were the authority on health. Patients trusted in their doctors' education and expertise and, for the most part, followed their advice. When health concerns about cigarettes began to receive public attention in the 1930s, tobacco companies took preemptive action. They capitalized on the public's trust of physicians in

order to quell concerns about the dangers of smoking. Thus was born the use of physicians in cigarette advertisements

“When you knit this together into a full story, the scope of it and the way it duped the public was just incredible,” said Robert K. Jackler, MD, Sewall Professor and Chair, otolaryngology – head and neck surgery at Stanford University Medical Center. “The public was becoming increasingly worried about the health consequences of cigarettes. They started to refer to cigarettes as coffin nails and started talking about smoker’s cough and smoker’s hack. The companies saw a threat to their success and business model.”

Executives at tobacco companies knew they had to take action to suppress the public’s fears about tobacco products. “Tobacco companies asked themselves: How can we go about reassuring the public that particularly cigarettes, but also cigars and pipes, are not harmful?” Jackler told *HemOnc Today*. The answer was to use medical research and physicians to show the public that cigarettes were not harmful. Although the doctors in these advertisements were always actors and not real physicians, the image of the physician permeated cigarette ads for the next two and a half decades.



Need throat specialists report on study not of Camel smokers...

NOT ONE SINGLE CASE OF THROAT IRRITATION due to smoking CAMELS!

You, Sir, were the holder of most throat specialists after a trial of 3,478 smoking specimens, of the kind of smokers of one pack every week smoked Camels, and only Camels, for 30 consecutive days.

THE 3000 MOST PRACTICE WITH FEWER CAMELS, PREFERRED TO ANY OTHER BRAND. THE NUMBER OF THROAT IRRITATIONS REPORTED BY THESE CAMELS WAS NONE.

...AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

Start your own 30-Day Camel MILDNESS Test Today!

According to a recent Nationwide survey:

MORE DOCTORS SMOKE CAMEL THAN ANY OTHER CIGARETTE

DOCTORS in every branch of medicine—11,100 in all—were polled in this nationwide study of cigarette preference. These leading medical authorities made the choice: The king of the party was Camel cigarette for your smoke, Sir!

The brand used by the most doctors!

The fact, all factors and all opinions of Camels' superb blend of choice tobacco seem to have the same opinion on the smoking taste of Camel as to millions of other smokers. If you are a Camel smoker, the pleasure being derived will hardly surprise you if you've ever smoked any Camels.

Camels Cautious Tobacco

Here's the link for the full article. Cigarette ads were placed in Peer Reviewed Medical Journals of Physicians with Cigarettes.

<http://www.healio.com/hematology-oncology/news/print/hemonc-today/%7B241d62a7-fe6e-4c5b-9fed-a33cc6e4bd7c%7D/cigarettes-were-once-physician-tested-approved>

THE FATHER OF OSTEOPATHY: DR ANDREW T STILL: My son is an osteopath and attended Still's university, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Still was distraught over the medical system. He felt the medicine at the time contributed to killing his children. His experience below. And mercury (thimerasol) is still in the flu vaccine, and other non-live vaccines. With the many vaccines used on our children, we are not in a better position than poor Dr. Still.

In 1855 his infant son George died, and four years later his wife, Mary, died shortly after giving birth to the couple's fifth child, Lorenzo, who also died. Widowed with three young children, Still married a second time, to Mary Elvira Turner on November 25, 1860. The coming of the Civil War distracted Still from the many personal losses he had suffered.

In early 1864 two of Still's own children, as well as a child he had adopted, died from meningitis. A fourth child died of pneumonia.

The experience of losing his children in spite of medical care left Still heartbroken. Many of the drugs that doctors prescribed at that time, such as arsenic and mercury, were harmful. Unfortunately, doctors did not know that the medicines they used were toxic because pharmacology was not very advanced. Common medical practices such as purging, vomiting, blistering, and bleeding often left patients in a weakened condition or led to their deaths. Troubled by the death of his children, Still began to doubt traditional medicine and the use of medical drugs.

<http://shs.umsystem.edu/historicmissourians/name/s/still/index.html>

Sincerely,

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"Resistance to Tyranny is Obedience to God."
– Thomas Jefferson

TESTIMONY: Senate Committee on Health Care, State of Oregon, SB 442
February 18, 2015, 3pm
Respectfully Submitted: Sylvia Colasacco, Portland, OR

My name is Sylvia Colasacco. I'm a resident in Portland. I am a mother to 3 beautiful children and wife to an awesome husband. I write my testimony today in opposition to SB 442 on behalf of my son Nathaniel who will be 6 in March. Nathaniel can't speak for himself. He is non-verbal and still in diapers. He has "Autism." I have hopes that one day he will talk and be potty trained. I have many hopes for him. I get by on hope. I dream of the day my son will get that sparkle back in his eyes, the alertness, the engagement. I lost that from him 5 years ago.

When he was born I was well aware of Autism. My best friend's daughter was diagnosed with it. I kept my eyes open for the signs. Nathaniel didn't exhibit any signs. He was very social and quite the charmer. My best friend also agreed, he was doing great.

But then something changed. At his 15 month set of shots, he received the MMR. Less than 2 days later he got really sick, was vomiting and had a high fever. I figured it was the stomach bug but it was also a sea change. Something was different with him. He was not so perky, not so engaged. He stopped learning new words and lost the words he had. He regressed into Autism. He lost eye contact. I started to wonder if it was the vaccines. At 18 months his pediatrician said he was showing signs of autism. I didn't want to give him more shots but she insisted it wasn't the shots. I relented and he got more vaccinations. He got worse. Then we wondered if it was his hearing. He stopped responding to his name. He started stimming. My best friend pulled me aside in tears. She saw he was different. I have videos and pictures before autism. It's painful to see what we lost but the distinction is undeniable.

For a while I was in shock and denial. I didn't understand how this could happen. I heard of other parents experiencing the same thing but I figured it must have been the parents remembering things wrong. It just didn't make sense. How does a normally developing child suddenly regress and lose all his language? I never heard of this happening in my family before. To this day scientist still don't know why this happens. To this day as the rates of autism continue to climb, most have abandoned the "better diagnostics" mantra. Most doctors and scientist that you'll see published or given air time on mainstream media outlets will insist it's not

the vaccines. Even though they can't say what causes regressive autism, somehow they know it's not the vaccines. Even though a double-blind placebo study has never been done comparing vaccinated verses un-vaccinated, they claim to be absolutely certain it isn't the vaccines. They claim the link has been "de-bunked."

Upon further study, I've found that couldn't be further from the truth. I found the study that "de-bunked" the link was put out by a now wanted felon Poul Thorsen. It has also come to light that a high level CDC scientist has come forth admitting he omitted data and has turned over thousands of documents to Congressman Bill Posey (R-FL). Dr William Thompson has been granted whistle blower status by the White House and will be testifying before congress. Yet, you don't hear much about it in the mainstream media. I have a challenge for you ladies and gentlemen of the Senate to watch tv and count all the drug ads aired during the next commercial break. I challenge you to leaf through your favorite magazines and count the drug ads in that. When you watch the news on CNN or NBC or Fox, I challenge you to count the drug ads during your favorite news program. Ask yourself if there may be a conflict of interest and heavy financial interest to not expose the fraud and corruption at the CDC and multibillion dollar drug companies.

When a dad goes on TV to say unvaccinated children should be banned from school because of his son's leukemia, look into his background. You may find his own father, a gastroenterologist, is also a paid consultant to GlaxoSmithKlein-a vaccine manufacturer. This is just one of many examples. The media gives you only part of the story.

So here we have it. A much hyped outbreak of the measles in Disney Land. 4 months ago it was Ebola that was coming to get us. Now it's the measles. A common childhood disease that in the United States ended up as a sitcom punchline in shows like the Brady Bunch. This is what we are willing to violate people's right to choose over? In a country of over 300 million, because of 100 cases of measles, we must single out and go on a witch hunt of the so called "anti-vaccine" movement? When there isn't even much evidence to show it was an unvaccinated individual that caused the outbreak? And when many who were part of the outbreak were fully vaccinated? But of course, there is a lot missing in the reports of the Disney measles outbreak. To be clear, there's no "anti-vaccine" movement. Show me a place where this supposed movement is trying to outlaw vaccines. No, instead, most who simply wish to opt out are parents of children like my son Nathaniel. We played Russian roulette and overloaded our child's fragile immune system and his little body couldn't handle it. Children like my son are

likely just more susceptible to the negative side effects of vaccines. Yet there has never been a study on the susceptible group of children that develop autism after a set of childhood vaccinations. The CDC with its incestuous ties to the Pharmaceutical industry has already decided "the science is settled."

But any honest scientist knows with many things, in particular the complex immune system, not much is ever settled. A lot is left to learn. And since we don't supposedly know what triggers autism in susceptible children, we are far from being able to say the science is "settled" when it comes to vaccine safety. What we do know is vaccines have side effects and pose risk of injury and death. We do know they have been legally classified as "unavoidably unsafe." We do know the CDC keeps adding more vaccines to the schedule without testing the safety of this expanding schedule.

For an industry that has immunity to liability for vaccine injuries, they have no reason to look further. They decided one vaccine is safe so all must be safe, no matter how many are added. And now with parents right to choose on vaccinations being in jeopardy, they are guaranteed business. I'm sure it's every business' dream. To create a product, hold no liability AND be able to persuade law makers to force their constituents to use said product.

I ask that you don't become part of the problem. I ask that you don't punish parents who already saw the negatives of a vaccine reaction on their child and now have a life long disability to deal with. I didn't stop vaccinating my children because I'm "anti-science." I stopped vaccinating because I saw first hand what happened to my son. I was put into a position where I had to look beyond mainstream media's declaration that vaccines are "safe and effective." I had to actually look at the ingredients in vaccines even though it was too late for my son. I had to read the research papers that do show a link. They're out there and I'm sure many of my fellow constituents will supply you with those studies. But because these studies raise questions about vaccine safety, they don't serve the drug companies and you won't see it covered by mainstream media outlets who's advertising dollars depend on keeping their advertisers in a good light. It doesn't take much digging to see how much financial influence and power drug companies have. Or that they've been guilty of fraud and putting out unsafe drugs in the name of profits.

And yet as a mom, with no power or financial influence, I've read hundreds of stories similar to mine. I've heard too many heartbreaking accounts of healthy children developing seizure

disorders after a vaccine. I know one personally. Her son finally succumb to one of those seizures. Seizures are a known side effect of vaccines. To say injuries and death never happen is disingenuous. To ignore the pain and suffering of so many parents like myself, unfortunately, I'm pretty used to it. However, I never thought I'd be put in a position where I'd have to choose my son's public education OR his health and well being. I accepted that people would ignore what happened to us. I didn't expect to have to defend my rights and my child's rights to choose.

I'd rather spend my time playing with my son, working on his engagement and encouraging typical play. Instead I'm here having to answer to some legislators to whom I wish for one day, they put themselves in my shoes and the shoes of all the other parents who's children were harmed by vaccines.

In the end, this isn't about vaccines. This is about parental rights, the rights of the individual and what medical procedures they wish to submit to. As a country we can't allow fear to manipulate us into stripping our basic fundamental human rights. One of our founding fathers, Benjamin Rush foresaw this as a possibility to which he warned,

"The Constitution of this Republic should make special provision for medical freedom. To restrict the art of healing to one class will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic. ... Unless we put medical freedom into the constitution the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship and force people who wish doctors and treatment of their own choice to submit to only what the dictating outfit offers."

It is up to us to not make this a reality.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Colasacco

Portland Oregon.

Statement on SB 442

My name is Tim Downin, I am 37, I have a BS in political science from Oregon State University, and am currently a second year law student. I am neither ill informed, nor uneducated, and I vehemently oppose this bill.

To be clear: I am not opposed to vaccination; I am opposed to bad public policy and bad legislation that leads to harmful outcomes – and if this bill is passed it will lead to quite a number of harmful outcomes. As was stated at tonight's hearing, there have been no deaths in Oregon from measles; however, there *have* been a multitude of injuries as a result from vaccines – many of the victims of which would not have had access to a medical exemption under this bill. We should be asking ourselves how we can control *that* very real epidemic, because only then will people be inclined to get vaccinated *willingly*.

As a parent of three children (ages 11, 12, and 16), two of which have been injured by vaccines, I believe I can speak to precisely why that is (it was alluded to this evening during the hearing, however I didn't hear anyone actually come out and say it). Unfortunately, when most parents take their children to the doctor and have questions/concerns about the safety and efficacy of vaccines, the general response is the same dismissive attitude that was presented this evening by the supporters of this bill – vaccines are safe, there are little risks, and you have nothing to worry about. To be clear, most doctors do not ask the pertinent questions that might reveal reasons to be concerned THAT ARE CLEARLY LISTED in the contraindications section of the vaccine manufacturer's own inserts. Should the manufacturers be held liable for malfeasance when it is present? Absolutely. But when the manufacturers tell us blatantly that there are, IN FACT, reasons to be concerned for some people, we should be heeding this advice. The *real* problem is that most doctors do not – for them it is about a numbers game.

This is precisely what happened to my children. Our questions about vaccinations (starting in 1999) were brushed aside dismissively. When we went back to the doctor with my oldest child's adverse reactions we were told that we were being irrational. My son was injured and no one believed that to be the case. Fortunately his injuries were not debilitating. When it came to our second child, we delayed her first vaccine for a year. After which we allowed her to receive the MMR, and she had an immediate, adverse reaction as well. Again, we were told it was a temporal coincidence and we were being irrational. A few years later we allowed ourselves to be swayed by the public panic over whooping cough and permitted her to receive the DTAP – she had another immediate, adverse reaction and this time her cognitive decline continued for the next few months. Although she qualifies for SSI disability, we were fortunate that she did not deteriorate as much as she could have. That change, however, was substantial enough that her teachers noticed.

Did our doctors help? No. We received the same dismissive attitudes, and to this day we still haven't been able to get a single doctor to investigate the root causes of our children's symptoms. I don't know what they are. The only thing that we know for certain is that our children had adverse reactions every single time a vaccine has been administered. Is it because the vaccines caused the problem, or was it because the exacerbated a pre-existing condition? We don't know, no doctor has been willing to help us find out.

Because my wife and I are both students, the only health insurance we have is the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). OHP will not cover any kind of investigative procedures that could help us determine whether my children have an abundance of heavy metals in their systems, or even if we are genetically predisposed to problems that are *specifically listed* as contraindications on the vaccine inserts.

If this bill is passed we will be forced to vaccinate our third child, who is currently unvaccinated, if we want her to stay in school (and of course we do), but here's the crux of the problem – WE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A MEDICAL EXEMPTION. Why? Because the doctors we have access to – including those at OHSU in particular who have intentionally sidestepped diagnosing our middle child as autistic (she has had this diagnosis confirmed by other doctors, but it was long and arduous process navigating the state system) – will not sign off on a medical exemption.

How is that justifiable, let alone fair?

This bill is looking at a problem through a backwards lens. Instead of telling every parent they need to shut up about their concerns regarding vaccinations, the onus should be placed upon medical practitioners to fully investigate whether children meet contraindicated criteria for receiving vaccinations.

Please reject this short sighted bill.

I am writing to place on record my opposition of SB 442 taking the choice of vaccination timelines out of the hands of the parents. I am concerned with the fact that this will hinder parents from making critical decisions on behalf of their children related to what is put in their bodies and when.

My son is now 2-years-old and I will never forget how awkward it was going through contractions while signing forms to ensure he was not given the Hep B shot immediately after being born. In my opinion, that was outrageous, however I was comforted by the fact that my husband and I were given the option to make the decision on our child's behalf.

I am absolutely in support of vaccines and know that they have assisted in the radiation of disease in our country and around the world, however I have chosen to work with my pediatrician to delay our vaccination schedule. To think that those options would be taken away from me to ensure my child could enroll in daycare is simply crazy.

We live in a day and age where in many homes, both parent are forced to work to afford an average lifestyle for their families. Forcing vaccines on the governments terms to ensure daycare is possible for families stuck in this predicament is ripping all parents of the right to make health decisions on behalf of their children.

If we spent half as much time educating people as we did attempting to regulate them, we would have a more engaged populous and healthier children in our country.

Vanessa Benedetti

To the Senate Committee on Health Care, re.: SB 442:

I am writing to you as a constituent, mother and scientist. I oppose SB 442 and urge you to vote against it because I believe that this bill is not in the best interest of our community. I am convinced that a diverse mix of acquired immunities would protect our community better from epidemics than everyone following the same vaccination schedule. Encouraging all parents to freely make informed vaccine choices would strengthen our communities' resistance to epidemics by creating diverse immunity patterns.

We now know that monocultures of any kind of plant or animal are particularly vulnerable to epidemics. We know that the widespread use of antibiotics has enabled antibiotic-resistant bacteria called "superbugs" to become common and do much harm. We know that spraying herbicide-resistant monocultures for weed management has bred herbicide-resistant weeds called "superweeds". We also know that vaccination programs can cause diseases to become vaccine-resistant: "Antigenic shifts are of particular significance when the control of a disease is being attempted by vaccination, since in effect they represent the introduction of a new agent against which the existing vaccine is likely to confer little or no immunity. (...) The very act of introducing a control measure or disease treatment may, in itself, create conditions whereby a strong pressure is exerted on the agent population to select strains which are resistant to the measures or treatments imposed. The evolution of such resistant strains will, in turn, jeopardise the effectiveness of the control measure or treatment." (ref.*1) *In summary, a community in which everyone follows the same vaccination schedule represents an immunity monoculture. This contributes to the growth of vaccine-resistant diseases and enables potential vaccine-resistant epidemics to spread quickly.*

Researchers at Purdue University have found diversity to be part of a solution to escalating vaccine use: "The study addresses a paradox of disease ecology: In highly diverse communities, potential hosts are less likely to become infected with harmful pathogens, even though these communities contain more parasites overall. (...) What is amazing is that *we're finding these principles hold true for basically all disease systems, whether human, animal or plant.* Because human activities are linked to the loss of biodiversity, there are growing concerns that we could inadvertently influence the emergence of infectious diseases." (ref.*2)

The above scientific findings suggest that communities would derive the most protection from any kind of epidemic if they consisted of people with the most varied immunity patterns possible. Encouraging all parents to freely make informed vaccination choices based on unbiased resources such as the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) would strengthen our communities by creating very diverse immunity patterns. Please, vote NO on SB 442 because this bill would weaken our communities' resistance to epidemics by discouraging diverse immunity patterns.

Sincerely,

Viktoria Hsu, Ph.D.

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February 18, 2015

To the Oregon State Legislature:

Despite official noises to the contrary, vaccine injury is real and it is often devastating. Many of the most vulnerable do not have a medical exemption to vaccines until long after irreparable damage has been done. There has been no official attempt to identify what Bernardine Healy, the ex-head of the National Institutes of Health called a susceptible population [<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-open-question-on-vaccines-and-autism/>] or to mitigate the potential damage in any way. To take away vaccine exemptions, forcing people to undergo a medical procedure that can have devastating consequences, is tantamount to looking your neighbor, your pastor, your babysitter, or your child's teacher in the eye and saying, "I'm aware that this could kill your child or render him completely unable to speak, use a bathroom or hold down a job, but I'm okay with that if there's even a tiny possibility that it will reduce the already minuscule chance that my child will get the measles." Can you look your neighbor in the eye and say that? I certainly can't.

Sincerely,

Zoey O'Toole
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The Thinking Moms' Revolution

Dear Oregon Senator and to Whomever else this may concern,
I am writing to you because I'm concerned about HB 442 to remove the religious exemption to vaccinations for children to attend school or childcare in the State of Oregon.

I am concerned because some vaccines are produced using cell lines from electively aborted babies. These vaccine products contain DNA from these cell lines. Examples include the MMR, Hepatitis A and Chicken Pox vaccine, which are currently required for children to attend schools and child care centers in the State of Oregon.

I believe this bill is unconstitutional and violates religious freedom. Some Christians, and those in other religious groups, don't want their children to be exposed to medical treatments that are produced from aborted fetal stem cell lines. They value protecting lives and may be okay with other vaccines, but there is no emergency state with any of these health conditions and their conscious and faith are telling them it is not ethical to get vaccines produced from these cell lines.

I personally believe if one has had an abortion there is forgiveness for those involved and one can move on, but aborted stem cell lines allow this memory to live on in perpetuity and are injected into the majority of American children. It is sad to me that this is allowed this when science has other technologies available to solve this problem. There are currently new vaccines in development using aborted fetal stem cell lines, where is the incentive for pharmaceutical manufacturer's to stop?

I am also concerned because some research shows that the human DNA in these vaccines could be inserted into the receiving person's DNA, resulting in long term potentially permanent adverse health affects.

I think our State's resources would be better spent towards encouraging pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to develop vaccines that take into account the public's concerns with them as best possible. There are many different values and issues to tackle here, but we can make progress by making one change at a time. For example, in 1999 Public Health entities encouraged manufacture's to remove thimerosal from vaccines as a precautionary measure. The manufacture's cooperated and now this previously widely used preservative is used in very few vaccines. This was a huge step forward because many people were concerned about the use of this preservative. Another potential thing that could be done is to allow imported vaccine produced without these aborted stem cell lines from other countries (for example the MMR vaccine in Japan) or for U.S. pharmaceutical companies to use existing technology to create new vaccines that don't use these cell lines. If the public cannot refuse vaccines because of their values, what incentive do these pharmaceutical companies have to make improvements?

Sure there are certain anti-vaccine groups who will refuse no matter what you do, but I believe certain vaccine improvements could result in enough people to change their minds that we are able to achieve increased vaccination rates and sufficient population immunity. The Children of God organization, which endorses making vaccines without

these stem cell lines, has a petition to U.S. pharmaceutical companies to create vaccine alternatives with 637,000 signatures in the US alone to date. Their supports include dozens of pro-life organizations who have broad range support. These changes could accomplish goals of both parties, and wouldn't that be better than government force? An effective, safe and ethical vaccines product will sell itself.

Thank you for your time to listen to my concerns.

Concerned Oregon Resident,
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Good evening! I am writing you to oppose and vote no on senate bill 442. This bill is unreasonable. It not only infringes on parent control but patient consent. Receiving immunizations is considered surgery. But mandating vaccines is forcing people to have surgery they do not consent too. History has proven time and time again that when the government interferes with our basic rights, citizens rebel and laws get changed back for the better. Think about the government forcing you to have your appendix out regardless of whether or not it is diseased and you don't have the right to opt out of it based on all the risk factors, including possible death. Would you want to still have it removed even though nothing is wrong? This is what sb 442 is doing, forcing medicine and surgery on people without the right to opt out for personal or religious reasons.

Now... Let's talk about religious or lifestyle beliefs. Those who are raised Jewish, such as senator Steiner Hayward! Most do not eat pork. Vaccines contain remnants of the dna from pigs. I can also throw in those who are vegan and do not ingest in anyway animal bi products. This is a complete violation of freedom of religion.

Sb 442 is not the answer to forced medication. We are opposing this issue. I urge you to listen to your fellow citizens and vote no on this issue. There are much better ways of educating people. Force me to talk to my doctor about immunizing myself or my children. But respect my beliefs and decisions as to what I think is best for my family! The government doesn't own my body and has no right dictating what type of medication or surgery I must have. Vote no to keep our religious freedom, parental control, and freedoms in tact.

Laura Adams

It is not a one size fix all simple solution. Oregonians want their medical freedom and consent. Not forced to immunize based on a one size fits all standards. Oregon has. 93% immunization rate! How many others can you add in there who selectively immunize? My guess is that this figure would then increase a few percent! Has that research been done? Have you added back in those people to get a true percent of those who decide to immunize at all?

Have you thought of the lost tax revenue you will be receiving when parents like myself will quit their jobs to pull their child out of school? Having to catch a 6-7 year old up on all their shots within 6 months isn't reasonable! It is too hard on their little systems to do all that surgery in a short time. Is there thought about allowing selective immunizations as there is no one size fits all standard that works for everyone?

I'm urging you to vote no on sb 442. There is no one size fits all approach. This isn't the answer. Oregon has a high percentage of people who vaccinate. Our freedom is at stake. It is our constitutional right to have our freedom which also means medical freedom. If you are looking at it from a political standpoint, those who vote in favor of this will have a hard time getting re elected. Take off the blinders and listen to what we have to say. Listen to why we oppose it. Vaccines are not for everyone for many reasons. This bill is taking away our religious freedom. This bill is taking away freedom of consent as we will no longer be able to consent it will just happen. Vote no on sb 442! Oregonians will appreciate maintaining our freedom of choice.

Laura Adams

To: The Committee on Health Care (SB-442) and Senators Hayward, Anderson, Kruse, Knopp and Shields.

Please share to the official record!

I write you today in response to the passing of SB 442 as outlined by the Oregon Legislature. I ask that you seriously consider the following;

First & foremost.... medical procedures should not be mandatory, which would be a huge violation of civil rights & American need to retain freedom of choice

1) There is no real evidence-based data concluding that vaccines are either safe or efficacious. Most data indicates the opposite. Over the last five years the U.S. Government has paid out billions of dollars in damage settlements to either seriously injured people or those killed by the administration of vaccines. Worldwide large-scale class-action lawsuits are on a sharp increase from vaccine- related death and injury occurring from questionable clinical trials and vaccine administration.

2) The only group standing to profit from vaccine use and sales are the largest of the pharmaceutical companies who stand to gain from the trillions of dollars spent purchasing these vaccines. Some of the same "Big Pharm" companies that have paid out over 19 billion in criminal and civil fraud charges to the U.S. Government for other cases of malfeasance in practice and reporting--- damages caused by their products.

3) A reminder that; both, the State of Oregon and United States are founded on the individual citizens unalienable right to choose-- whether that be a choice made on some secular belief or most importantly the Religious exemption and protection from secular tampering, especially when the tampering with these sed unalienable rights of choice may cause harm, injury or death...!

4) A reminder to Senator Hayward, in response to her quote of, "Being passed the point of patience", that her job is to represent ALL of her constituents Rights and beliefs. That her level of patience is irrelevant in the light of the safety of the citizenry and their protection from the highly ethically-challenged bills like this one!

5) We ask that you vote NO on SB442!

Peter DeJong
Oregon resident, father

Dear Senators,

Whether you believe vaccines are safe and effective, or not, the government should not be in the business of mandating medical procedures. That is between a patient and her/his doctor. I believe this is the legislature practicing medicine without a license. All major medical organizations hold informed consent, and right of refusal as basic tenets of ethical medical practice.

Some of you say medical freedom is not an option once it affects the greater good. That might be true, but in this case there is no evidence that under-vaccinated people are harming anybody. In fact the opposite might be true. Scientific proof tells us live-vaccines are shed (excreted) up to 6 weeks after vaccination, and can infect others. The 1986 Childhood Vaccine Injury Law came about as a result of *shedding* of the polio virus into a child's diaper, infecting the father and disabling him for life. So if you really want to protect others, then *vaccinated* kids should stay home from school for a month after receiving live vaccines.

In addition, artificial "herd Immunity" is not proven (show me any research to the contrary), and doesn't work the way we think it does.

It's true some vaccines seem to work very well in the short term, but we don't know the long term effects. In a recent Journal of Epidemiology paper, modeling showed that highly vaccinated measles populations will actually have more of the disease over time. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/6741921>. Other research shows high vaccination for decades causes the disease to change its targets. The point is, we don't understand everything we're doing with these injections over time.

I'm sure your motives are to do the right thing - to keep kids healthy. But I urge you to look at the bigger picture and realize that getting from 90% to 98% percent immunization rate does not translate to having healthier kids (look at the highest vaccinated states - more cancer, more asthma, more allergies, more auto-immune disease and delayed development). Health does not come from a needle. Please address childhood poverty, nutrition, toxics in the environment and all the rest first before creating all this ill-will, wasting time in the courts - over a private medical decision.

Included in the bigger picture is the power of pharmaceutical corporations and the sweet deal they have in this country. They have a captive market, free advertising from legislatures, free enforcement in the schools, and absolutely no liability. I believe the reason we're up to 36 childhood vaccines (compared to an average of 11 globally) is not because we need them, but because there is money to be made with no risk of financial/legal liability. What can I do if my child is harmed from a vaccine? Absolutely nothing.

I think it is fine for the legislature to very strongly encourage vaccination, but when you cross over into forcing people to do so, I believe these efforts will actually backfire. More information about the risks of vaccines is coming to light since Senator Hayward put this into headline news, and the "forcing" only makes people more suspicious of government.

My own family follows an alternative vaccine schedule - that means we vaccinate but do not follow the CDC schedule, together with my doctor. SB442 forces the CDC's way or the highway - such arrogance to think every other country in the world is wrong. (We use the schedule followed by Norway, Finland, Sweden and 8 other countries - where autism is unknown and they have the healthiest kids by many measures).

Please amend the bill to allow for flexibility to follow alternative vaccine schedules. That is reasonable.

Please amend the bill to allow for flexibility to use your own doctor for medical exemption. Also reasonable.

Please amend the bill to allow medical exemption for a wider range of medical conditions (eg: The double MTHFR gene mutation for example, an emerging and common condition where the child's body cannot methylate or "detox" the vaccine's adjunct ingredients.)

Please amend the bill to require *vaccinated* kids be excluded from school until shedding is complete. If you don't do this one, you are ignoring science and doing the opposite of what you claim to be the reason for mandates ("protecting others, especially the immuno-compromised"). At a minimum, you must amend the bill to allow religious exemption.

"There is no 'slippery slope' toward loww of liberties, only a long staircase where each step downward must first be tolerated by the American people and their leaders." Alan K. Simpson

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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This concerns us all:

I have never really needed to defend my medical freedom and informed consent on such a large scale. I am not political, far from it. So, I will defend my right not to vaccinate, have medical freedom, and informed consent on a level of one concerned mother.

First off, I have the first amendment right to freedom of religion. I have the right to make medical decisions for my family based on religious beliefs. Taking away my exemption will undoubtedly cause an uprising. This won't make parents run to the nearest clinic to get their child vaccinated. What it will do is cause people to take their children out of public school and create more homeschool co-ops.

By the government trying to take away our parental rights, it will only cause a new set of problems. This is not an effective way to get people to start vaccinating. People believe what they believe, it is as simple as that. I have to say that if you think this is going to be effective way to convince parents to vaccinate, your sadly mistaken.

I have thought tremendously about what would happen if SB 442 were passed. What would I do? I would homeschool my son. The pressure of feeling like I would have to make sure my son was up-to-date on shots alone would infuriate me enough to not vaccinate on principal. But above that, I simply don't believe in the CDC schedule of vaccinations nor do I think healthcare decisions for my family need to be in the hands of state officials. Those are my parental rights along with which school he will attend, what sports he will play, and what values I will instill in him.

Vaccine injury is a very real thing and it needs to be acknowledged. It's uncommon but it does happen and like alcoholism is a disease not knowing who has it, why should I be forced to make a very serious decision? We don't know who it affects negatively. Instead of backing parents into a corner, why doesn't the government, state and federal officials, do some unbiased research and do outreach with the parents who choose medical freedom? Then maybe we could work together.

This bill will not cause parents to vaccinate. What it will do is have parents searching for other avenues. All the unvaccinated children will still be at the stores, parks, libraries, restaurants, play dates, OMSI and the Children's Museum etc., STILL unvaccinated. This will only be causing a new set of issues. So again I ask that this bill be opposed and not be supported. We the people have the right to medical freedom and informed consent. I will fight this until the end.

Shalina Williams

