I strongly oppose HB 3063. The decision to vaccinate should be between the patient and their doctor. This is exactly what I do for myself and my child. I have lengthy discussions with the doctor to determine the correct course of action.

Fact: The measles is not an outbreak or an emergency. The measles has not gone away even after the CDC considered it eliminated. Each year there are approx. 500 cases throughout the United States.

Fact: The media makes the measles seem like an emergency when it is not.

Fact: Oregon has a very high immunization rate. The OHA shows it is between 94-95% of fully immunized children.

Fact: Most children are fully immunized.

Fact: the 7.5% exemption rate includes children who have been exempted from a vaccine, or a dose, but have been immunized. This includes children who have had vaccines.

Fact: The fully unimmunized rate in Oregon is about 2.5%. This means that well over 95% of children are either 100% immunized or partially (small percent of children).

Fact: Vaccine injuries are not as rare as the CDC states. Please ask multiple families about their vaccine injuries. The VAERS system also tracks some injuries, but it is under reported. Some doctors are unaware of this system. VAERS has paid out billions of dollars for vaccine injuries.

Fact: Since 1986, vaccine manufactures are liability free. They are not responsible for a vaccine injury. In my opinion, this creates a conflict of interest.

I strongly oppose mandatory vaccinations. Oregon has a track record of having a high vaccination rate. The measles was never eliminated, and the rates are listed on the CDC website. Each year, there are measles cases reported. This is not uncommon.

I would recommend keeping parental control and keeping these decisions between the doctor and their patient. The government has its place, but not when it is mandating medical procedures which come with a clear risk.

As a parent and a professional, I oppose government intervention when it is not needed. This mandate is not needed. Please review the vaccination rates in Oregon which will show and prove to you this mandate is not needed. These rates (94-95% fully vaccinated children in Oregon) do not show there is any type of emergency.

One size medicine is not for everyone. This is why this decision should be between the medical doctor and their patient.

Thank you for opposing HB 3063 and keeping medical freedom and allowing patients and their doctors to decide together what medicine and risks and benefits are best for their patients.

Laura Adams Sherwood, Oregon This country was formed on freedom.