

Dear Members of the Committee,

I writing to you in strong opposition of HB 3063. My child is an example of the children that would be harmed by this legislation. She is 5 years old and has a long list of allergies as well as a genetic mutation that puts her at a high risk of vaccine injury. Because of this, we have chosen not to vaccinate. Because many physicians are not up to date with the current research on vaccines, many encourage all parents to vaccinate their children. We are fortunate to have a physician who recognized that my daughter's many allergies could be a sign of a genetic condition that makes it difficult for her body to break down the toxins contained in many vaccines. Upon the completion of genetic testing, it was found that she does indeed have this genetic mutation, however, it is not enough to meet the requirements of a medical exemption in Oregon.

My kid went to three different preschools due to teacher turnover and spots filling up early and has finally found a home at a PPS charter school. She is extremely social and thrives with lots of peer to peer interactions. If this legislation were to pass, we would be forced to choose between keeping her at her school and potentially causing long-term harm to her body by getting her vaccines that her body cannot handle, or homeschooling where she would be isolated from the peer interactions that she needs. Please do not force us to choose between two options that would both potentially cause severe harm to our child. Vote No on HB 3063.

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