

Dear Representative Salinas, and members of the Health Committee,

Please do not let yourself succumb to false, media driven measles's hysteria. The United States and most of the western world has eliminated endemic measles. It will never eliminate measles. Removing a parents inalienable rights to decide what is best for the long term health of their children by denying their children a public education is an egregious violation of the Nuremberg Code principle of informed consent and will not eliminate measles.

Do you not see that that media's intense measles's hysteria is intended to manipulate you and your colleagues to fast track legislation based on fear? Hate the anti-vaxxers; they're the problem. Remove their right to a public education? What's next? Take their children away?

My son did not fare well from his routine childhood vaccinations. How can I be anti-vaxxer? I'm a sadly informed parent. Which is worse: a self limiting disease which gives life long immunity for most of us or 150-200 non-convulsive seizures a day and tics? Are you willing to make that decision for me and all the parents in Oregon? No, I don't think you are, but a well-informed parent can or at least tries. That's what an anti-vaxxer looks like and tries to do and policy makers want to make that decision process even harder than it is. God help us!

Please reflect on the words of [Jon Poling MD, PhD in neurology](#), (below) whose beautiful daughter Hannah now has life-long vaccine-induced autism one of at least [83 cases of vaccine-induced brain injuries including autism](#) that we know of. Government keeps all that data secret don't you know. What is not secret is the \$4,000,000.000 dollars of tax-payer money awarded for vaccine injuries and death. Money that could be used for schools where 13% of children have various learning disabilities, behavior disorders and mental health issues.

Vaccine Safety: What Can Parents Do?

His advice for parents?

Poling says they should demand to know a vaccine's safety record before agreeing to give it to their child, including any known links with [metabolic disorders](#) and susceptibility to injury from the vaccine.

Coming to Terms With Autism

Although Poling has an MD and a PhD and is trained as a neurologist, he admits it was very difficult to come to terms with his daughter's diagnosis. In his neurology practice in Georgia, some of his patients are children with autism, so he is very familiar with the condition. His wife, Terry, is both a nurse and an attorney.

Even so, he says, they had some trouble initially getting doctors to take their concerns seriously. When Hannah exhibited symptoms after a series of five immunizations including nine vaccines, doctors initially passed

them off as nothing serious. But as the symptoms didn't abate and in fact got worse, as parents, the Polings knew something was wrong.

Members of the health committee, why don't you call for the vaccine safety studies that people like me have been calling for the last 20 years. Then you too can be called an anti-vaxxer.

A somewhat cynical parent who sees wrong and tries to right it, just like Bobby Kennedy did his for his entire political career.

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