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Dear Senator/Congressman:

I live in your district and am writing today to urge you to oppose any proposed action that would work to reduce parent's access to vaccine exemptions, including those for reasons of conscience, religion, or medical contraindications.

Individuals who seek exemptions do so for a variety of reasons including negative personal experiences; extensive research of ingredients, risks, and benefits; and religious concerns about the procedure.

Vaccination is an invasive medical procedure with inherent, significant risks including death. Mandatory vaccination violates the principles of informed consent, personal liberty, and religious freedom defined in the United States Constitutions, the Civil Rights Act, the American Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics, the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, and Informed consent to surgical or medical procedures or course of procedures.

Oregon has a rich tradition of supporting civil liberties and religious/conscience freedoms. Therefore, as a citizen of Oregon, I respectfully request that you oppose any federal action to restrict Oregon parents from access to vaccine exemptions. On behalf of all Oregon citizens, I thank you for your support that you investigate and act to improve the safety of vaccines. We need better testing and labeling requirements for drug companies marketing vaccines in the U.S.

I have 2 beautiful and healthy little girls and am very concerned about the potential serious health problems that could be caused now or in the future from giving them (and other children) vaccines.

The FDA's current vaccine testing regulations are inadequate. The FDA only *recommends but* does not *legally require* vaccine manufacturers to test their vaccines for contamination. The FDA should immediately institute legal requirements for testing and raise standards for labeling.

Every vaccine should be thoroughly tested for purity and accurately labeled so we are fully informed about vaccine contents and are able to make educated vaccine choices. I respectfully request that you take action to ensure that drug companies and the FDA properly test and label vaccines before releasing them for public use.

Thank you for your help and I look forward to hearing about what you will do to make the vaccine supply safe as well as allowing parents to continue to have a choice of what is put into the bodies of their children.

Sincerely,

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