

To whom it may concern,

My name is Abigail Davidson and I am a mother of two boys aged 4yrs and 20 months. Both are vaccine free and have barely had a cold their entire lives. I attended one of the top private schools in Oregon from K-12. I am a native Oregonian, a wife to a firefighter/EMT as well as a daughter to a doctor, so am not lacking in medical knowledge or studies.

I know I am not alone in opposition of HB 3063 and would like to voice some concerns. We do not believe children should be excluded from their right to an education because of religious or philosophical reasons to not vaccinate. Vaccines should remain a choice for parents to make based on their research for their children. I have many friends and family who have had children with vaccine injuries, which started our deep research.

Making vaccines mandatory for kids to attend school simply puts their educations and futures at risk. Nothing more. Not to mention the funding schools could lose when children no longer attend, and the parents potentially being forced to quit their jobs in order to homeschool - no parent should have to make that choice. This could be the start of a decline in our education system and economy, and most importantly our children's future.

Vaccines are not safe for everyone and should remain a choice for every parent and child. Unless the CDC is willing to step up and take responsibility for any repercussions that WILL happen from mandatory vaccines, this cannot happen.

The media has been reporting a "measles outbreak" that has caused a lot of unnecessary fear. Measles used to be a common childhood illness that passed very quickly. The virus has not changed or gotten any more serious, but has recently gained attention. There has only been 4 confirmed cases of Measles in Oregon, that is not even something worth worrying about. Vaccinated or not, should a child contract the virus, the CDC itself lists very simple treatment options while it runs its course. Non vaccinated kids do not pose a threat to anyone, they are not walking around spreading diseases everywhere they go. And even if they were, it wouldn't stop at school. So making it mandatory there truly makes no sense.

It's important to point out as well that if they vaccines do in fact work, the very very small percentage of kids who are not vaccinated will not pose a threat of any kind even if they did contract something. We were founded on being the land of the FREE, for the people and BY the people. We cannot take away these fundamental rights and core values. If we take out the fear being fed to this case, you'll see that it truly would cause more harm than good to pass this bill. Please vote NO on HB 3063.

Thank you for your time.