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Dear Rep. Greenlick, Sen. Thomsen, Rep. Helt, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Schouten, Rep. Wilde, Rep. Doherty, Rep. Prusak, Rep. Williams, and Sen. Wagner,

I write this letter to urge you all to revoke your support for Oregon HB 3063 regarding vaccine exemptions. First, I want to thank you for your service to our state and for sponsoring a bill that I am sure each of you sincerely believes will protect our most vulnerable populations, especially children. However, I must ask you to reconsider because unfortunately, vaccines are not a one-size-fits-all solution. As I imagine you well know, there is much controversy over the ingredients used in vaccines, from the adjuvants to the ways in which viruses are kept alive and replicated (e.g., use of aborted fetal cell lines). We have two children and vaccinated our first without incident. However, when we began the vaccination schedule for our second born, he had a severe reaction at his four-month vaccines that ended with him in the hospital with respiratory issues and high fever. We paused until we had more information and through testing, learned that he has a homozygous genetic mutation that actually prevents his body from removing some of the vaccine adjuvants from his body (most notably, aluminum), causing an accumulation of them rather than elimination that would normally happen in a person without this mutation. And of course, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has listed aluminum among neurotoxins.

While trace amounts are not considered harmful, the accumulation in the body can cause harm. The CDC lists that in water, 0.05-0.2 mg/L is considered safe by the EPA and in consumer products, 0.2 mg/L is the FDA limit.¹ Thus, if we consider that a person may be potentially exposed to say 0.4-0.6 mg/L in a typical day, a baby at her two month shots according to CDC's schedule receives 1.36-2.72 mg/dose in one sitting. (Hep B containing 0.225-0.5 mg per dose; Rotovirus containing 0 as is a live virus vaccination; Dtap containing 0.33-0.625 mg/dose; Hib containing 0.225 mg/dose; Pneumococcal containing 0.25-0.52 mg/dose; and inactivated polio which can contain 0.33-0.85 mg/dose depending on which formulation is used).² And that is just at the 2-month shots. Now consider a child who cannot eliminate a known neurotoxin from her body subjecting herself every 2-6 months to approximately this amount of aluminum for her first two years of life.

However, while some more specialized medical practitioners do understand this complicated cellular metabolic problem, our son's ordinary pediatrician does not. Therefore, the medical exemption that he needs to attend school under this proposed bill would be very hard to come by. Because like any concerned and conscientious parent, I want my child to be protected from potentially life-threatening, preventable diseases, I sought advice from three local pro-vaccination pediatricians—all of whom told me that they did not know how to advise me about how or if to vaccinate my child. This bill under your tutelage would deny my child his right to be educated simply because his body is unable to react appropriately to vaccinations. It is an unjust and gross misapplication of our legal system to discriminate against my child and others like him.

¹ <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/tp22.pdf>

² <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-ingredients/aluminum>

Please understand, parents like me who have decided not to continue vaccinating their children have absolutely not chosen this route for flippant or frivolous reasons. We value public safety and the health of our children and of all persons in our communities just as you do. But unfortunately, because vaccines do present serious risks to certain populations (as listed in each vaccine insert), it is absolutely imperative that we continue to have choice. We require consent for just about any other medical issue or procedure, except for vaccinations. We must and can do better than this proposed bill as a state. **Where there is risk, there absolutely must be choice.**

I would be very happy to speak with any of you or any member of your staff further on this issue. Given our current weather conditions, I am prevented from attending the hearing in person but I do thank you for considering my letter and my concerns.

Thank you all again for your service to our state. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Kind regards,

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