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Hard cases make bad law.

It's unfortunate that some people have contracted measles in the region, but **HB 3063** is an over-reaction and an overreach that usurps parental rights and responsibilities. Other, more measured, steps could address a specific concern for schoolchildren.

There is no question that vaccines have side-effects, some more serious than others, and especially to vulnerable populations, such as infants and those with already-compromised health. Diseases, of course, negatively affect the same populations. Asking the first group to "pay the price" for the second group is simply trading one problem for another. Robbing Peter to pay Paul will not solve the problem.

Demanding that parents who have objections to particular vaccines, or the vaccine schedule, play Russian Roulette with their young children violates moral standards and laws governing informed consent. I emphasize the word CONSENT. We must retain the ability to give, or not give, consent.

We need to protect all citizens, and that includes those who choose to protect their children's health by acknowledging that one size does not fill all when it comes to vaccines. Again, there is NO dispute that vaccines cause injury to some people. Unfortunately, we don't know which people will be affected until after they are injured. Supporters of this bill--are you willing to sit down with a parent of a vaccine-injured child and take responsibility for voting to take away their parental right to choose? Have you seen what vaccine injury looks like?

I urge you to take more time with this issue and to look for solutions which do not diminish parental rights.

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"The challenge of being human is so great, no one gets it right every time."

~Harold Kushner