Hello,

I am writing to tell you that I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren. I believe parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being coerced, and I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status.

Only 2.7% of Oregon schoolchildren currently hold a philosophical or religious exemption, meaning that scientifically we already have high community immunity to disease. Therefore, there's no reason to take away parental rights to those using non-medical exemptions.

There are many reasons parents use those exemptions. Perhaps their child has had a reaction to a vaccination that doesn't qualify for a medical exemption, and so they choose to not longer use that vaccine, even if they use others. Perhaps they are using a spaced out or reduced schedule. They may be a member of a religion (such a Jehovah's Witness), which is morally opposed to the use of vaccination.

I don't vaccinate because my husband is on the spectrum and I developed Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome at 9 from my mmr vaccine. Here is a link so you can learn about it http://www.dysautonomiainternational.org/page.php?ID=30. It caused me to wreck a few years ago and now my life will never be the same. I can not drive as I don't know if I will pass out behind the wheel again.

I would also like to point out how this bill VIOLATES my constitutional rights. My right to freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The AMA website clearly says that Informed Consent to medical procedure is fundamental in both law and ethics, coupled with the fact that every child has the right to free public education and cannot be discriminated against.

I hope you take the time to head over to the CDC.gov and read the inserts for yourself and see in the manufacturer's own words the side effects that include SIDS and encephalitis.

There also has been no safety studies done for over 30 years. CDC just lost a law suite over it. No double blind placebo studies.

I hope you will not support this bill along with me.

Thank you for reading,

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