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RE: HB 3063

Dear Honorable Oregon Legislators:

First off you should know that I am a professional scientist. I am a concerned Oregonian and mother of an 11 year old son.

I am writing to state **my opposition to HB 3063**. On a procedural issue, I believe that “fast-tracking” this bill is unethical and does not allow the public to truly respond and understand the implications of this bill. Likewise, if the bill passes, it will require that children get a slew of vaccines in a short period of time in order to “catch-up” should they wish to be educated. How is that fact factored into this bill?

My primary reason for opposing HB 3063 is **on a civil rights issue**. The US Congress (and later supported by the SCOTUS) established in 1986 that “...**vaccines have an unavoidable risk...**” and thus the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) was created to protect vaccine manufacturers. Given that we all agree there is some risk associated with vaccines, to ask parents to subject their children to that risk, by a state mandated law is unacceptable and becomes a parents’ rights issue.

Remember **EVERY PARENT WHO OPPOSES VACCINES BECAUSE THEIR CHILD WAS INJURED STARTED AS A PRO-VACCINE PARENT (the logic is circular and true!)**

Would you write a law to require that a parent must use radiation to treat their child’s cancer? Or do we still have a right to make that decision ourselves? If your answer is that a child’s cancer is not “contagious” but the diseases for which vaccines have been developed are contagious, then the question then becomes one of are vaccines truly effective in preventing the diseases? In other words, if you are willing to remove a parent’s right to make a medical decision, you **HAD BETTER HAVE PROOF THAT THIS REMOVAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS IS WORTHWHILE!** I respectfully ask that you provide even one study that has been done that provides scientifically proven evidence. It is not possible because NO ONE has done that study. I believe our faith in vaccines is often not much more than that, it is simply faith.

Are you old enough to remember when cigarettes were defended by manufacturers’ scientists to NOT SHOW A LINK WITH LUNG CANCER or other diseases. I believe there is a big profit margin on the line to support the belief in vaccines as necessary to create herd immunity. Eventually science did show that, indeed, there is a causal relationship between cigarettes and lung cancer. I believe

that in our lifetime more and more science will come out to show (1) the inefficacy of vaccines (especially in long-term protection) and (2) the high level of health risks.

WHAT is fueling this concern to remove parents' rights? Is it fear-based? A fear that we "almost had" or "did have" a measles outbreak? Are you aware that the **3 recent "cases" of measles in the Portland area actually turned out to be children having a reaction to their MMR vaccine?** Let us base our legislation, particularly legislation that is so draconian that it impacts a parent's rights to make medical decisions on solid science NOT a fear that might end up as a feather in the cap of a legislator who feels an urge to appear ___ or ___ to his/her constituents! Are you aware that our overall vaccination rates are calculated on data that includes **UNDER**-vaccinated children? i.e. if a child has already contracted the disease, (i.e. chicken pox), and the parents choose to NOT vaccinate, that child will fall in the camp of under-vaccinated and that data will be represented as a lower state vaccination rate. If a child received 2 doses of a vaccine, then had an immediate seizure and the parents chose to NOT have the 3rd dose, that child also adds data to the unvaccinated rate. **DO YOU SEE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETE & STATISTICALLY ACCURATE DATA SET ON VACCINATION RATES IN OREGON?**

Denying children of public/private education DOES NOT increase vaccination rates. It simply denies them of an education. Unless under/un-vaccinated children AND ADULTS are kept from public spaces this goal will NOT be achieved.

There are still many, many un- or under-vaccinated folks out and about. Home schoolers don't only stay home in their little caves. **There is no evidence that removing exempted kids from schools of any kind prevents outbreaks.**

And what about adults? In recent measles outbreaks around the country as many ADULTS have been insufficiently vaccinated as children. Is the State of Oregon planning on mandating adult vaccinations to address the potential of the "current state of emergency" this bill implies exists? In other words, is the State of Oregon planning on addressing the issue of the under vaccinated adult population?

Where will the **money come from to offset lost funding in school districts** due to decreased attendance rates as non- vaccinated/under vaccinated children are kept from school?

How is the **State of Oregon planning on educating non-vaccinated children** under Oregon State Compulsory Education Law?

Where will the \$ come from for Oregon to defend the inevitable lawsuits that will be generated by HB 3063?

If you believe that Oregon's vaccination rates need to increase (and this is not a punitive-driven law) then you will need to show proof that (1) our vaccination rates have contributed to a 'state of emergency' and (2) keeping under- and un-vaccinated children out of school but not requiring the vaccinations of adults in those same schools, has shown to, or is hoped to, reduce an outbreak of a "vaccine-preventable"

communicable disease?

And again, please keep this in mind: **EVERY PARENT WHO OPPOSES VACCINES BECAUSE THEIR CHILD WAS INJURED STARTED AS A PRO-VACCINE PARENT (the logic is circular and true!)**

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opposition in a democratic process.

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If you knew you could not fail, what would you most want to do for the world?"