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Members of the House Health Care Committee and sponsors of HB 3063:

I do not believe that the government should mandate that people get vaccinations.

I have six children and I have researched vaccinations intensely over the last 20 years of parenting. I have talked to doctors, read books from all sides, and we chose not to vaccinate our first child; we decided we would re-evaluate the decision every year. Each year we have, reading more from all sides and we have decided thus far to not vaccinate our children. When measles appeared in Portland recently we re-evaluated. My 17 year old daughter decided she wanted to get the MMR after we talked and researched together; she is planning on starting her nursing studies in the fall and wanted to feel comfortable in a hospital environment. We supported her and she got the vaccine two weeks ago. We are not "anti-vaccine." We have chosen what we feel is the safest, healthiest path for our family and community. We are open to discussion and education.

I am personally anti-abortion; it's something I could never do nor do I think it's right. Thankfully, my life circumstances have never led me to have to make that choice. But I am unwilling to presume that I could make that decision for another person, that I could presume somebody else didn't need that choice. Similarly, while I have chosen not to vaccinate my kids thus far, if HB 3063 were to pass, I would vaccinate my kids and hope for the best. But I am unwilling to presume that I could make that decision for another person, another family. My life circumstances haven't caused me to truly fear vaccines, though I am weary as I believe my auto-immune dysfunction (Juv. Rheumatoid Arthritis) began after my MMR shots as a toddler. I do not have a vaccine-injured child or a child

who lost its life because of a vaccine, I do not have a child who is medically fragile and can't tolerate getting vaccines. I am not comfortable supporting a mandated law requiring vaccination, which would cause children to be unwelcome at school. *I do not believe that the government should mandate that people get vaccinations.*

Currently, only 2.6% of students in K-12 are entirely unvaccinated- that doesn't seem like a state of emergency to me. Yes, some kids in Oregon have measles, and I am glad that nobody has died from it and I hope nobody does. I am concerned that the hearing was scheduled with only a few days notice for public commentary and input. Please let's not act out of irrational fear. Please don't pass this bill, it's not the right thing to do.

Sincerely,
Jenny Johnson
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