

Oregon is not a nanny state and we aren't interested in becoming one. Oregon is a place where people think for themselves, and where we open our arms to ALL families--fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and, yes, even unvaccinated. Robust health doesn't come from a vial or a pill or a bottle (though that can certainly help.) Robust health comes from a variety of factors, including exclusive breastfeeding, access to clean drinking water, and avoidance of toxins. Not a single case of measles has spread in ANY school in Oregon. I ask Oregon lawmakers to vote NO on HB-3063. We don't want to bar children from school based on their parents' decisions. And health decisions need to be made in the privacy of a doctor's office, not in the state legislature. This bill to end religious and philosophical freedom is discriminatory, unnecessary, and un-American.

The true complete unvaccinated rate in Oregon is only 2.6%. MMR vaccination rates and all other vaccine rate remain high. Measles cases occur nearly every year in Oregon, the only difference this timr is the media hysteria around it.

Medical errors are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., after [heart disease](#) and [cancer](#), causing at least 250,000 deaths every year, according to an analysis out Tuesday indicating that patient safety efforts fall far short.

"People don't just die from heart attacks and bacteria, they die from system-wide failings and poorly coordinated care," says the study's lead author, Dr. Martin Makary, a professor of surgery and health policy at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. "It's medical care gone awry."

There is plenty of evidence that vaccines can and do cause harm and even death to 1000s of people every year. Yet you want to mandate citizens to inject these things into the one thing we love the most, our children?!

"If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." ...

-George Washington

In politics as in philosophy, my tenets are few and simple. The leading one of which, and indeed that which embraces most others, is to be honest and just ourselves and to exact it from others, meddling as little as possible in their affairs where our own are not involved. If this maxim was generally adopted, wars would cease and our swords would soon be converted into reap hooks and our harvests be more peaceful, abundant, and happy.

-George Washington

Sincerely,
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