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Dear Oregon Representatives,

My husband is a 6th generation Oregonian. We are proud to call this beautiful state home!

We have three children in the Oregon Public School system, pay our taxes yearly, and are committed to serving our community. We have served on our school PTC, are currently starting the CERT Training process (this month) and also serve on staff at a local non-profit.

We are committed to being vessels of peace while also standing up for the oppressed, marginalized and underage.

We believe the amazing benefits we have as American citizens were given to us by those who have gone before us. Those who saw beyond their time. Who thought beyond themselves. Who sacrificed for the benefit of others. We strive to carry on that same zeal and commitment. Freedom isn't free. We know that full well.

In that same vein, we whole heartedly believe that medical freedoms for ALL Americans need to be protected.

We strongly OPPOSE HB2783.

We have been bullied by many doctors to immunize our children. My oldest son received a few vaccines and then began to experience neurological issues afterward. He has been diagnosed with ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder and Tourettes. He is high functioning on the Autism Spectrum. Do we believe vaccines cause these issues? No. Do we believe they contributed to these issues? For sure. Do we think the science and research have fully "exonerated" vaccines? Not even close. Does more research need to be done? Of course. And anyone who tells us otherwise is the one ignoring sound reason and hard science.

We regret with every fiber of our being that we vaccinated our child. Now knowing his genetic make up, his personal struggles, his unique situation - we know he was never healthy enough to handle the heavy onslaught of vaccines. Now, because of our personal decisions, and the recommendation of doctors, he has life-long battles. It grieves us when we cannot help him walk through the paralyzing anxiety he has over putting clothes on, when he cannot clearly communicate something he is excited about because he is disfluent, or can't follow through on commands that require more than 1-2 options.

Please, please know we believe in vaccines! They have brought much hope and healing to our flourishing country. But please do not ignore the negative consequences they have on some. No one denies this reality. No one is arguing this fact.

Parents should have the right to decide - with the help of medical professionals - if they want their child to undergo a medical procedure or have a drug injected in their body. Please do not make medical procedures mandatory for all.

Anything that has the potential for negative side affects should be voluntary. Period. Never should it be required.

Thank you for your time!

Michele and Jay Fordice