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RE: HB 3063 childhood vaccine exemptions

Dear Oregon House Committee on Health, HB 3063 Sponsors, Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer and Senator Michael Dembrow,

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 3063, which removes personal and religious exemptions to vaccination. I am a parent, constituent and hold a masters in environmental policy.

I want all children to be healthy. I want everyone to feel safe in public. I support health measures to keep us well. I want all children to have access to public school, as required by law. But I believe this bill is misguided and wrong.

This is not about believing in vaccines or not. This is about bodily autonomy, medical freedom and overreach of the state. Vaccination is a complicated discussion that needs to happen, yes. But a bill forcing them is just going to cause more divisions, lose money for public schools, and will not make kids healthier (it might even make them sicker). If you believe in science, I urge you to read more of it. There is a mountain of it showing vaccine failure, unintended consequences, or real harm to a significant subset of children.

The state has no right to force a medical procedure by using the threat of removing services (school). The separation between my child and the government must be at the level of their skin. Parents must retain the right to refuse to have their kids injected with foreign matter, that can make them permanently sick or even kill them. We must retain our right to refuse. Every vaccine has different ingredients. Your DNA is different than my mine. Your family history if different than ours. We cannot have a one size fits all vaccination program where our right to refuse even one vaccine is removed.

People say this bill doesn't force vaccines, that we are welcome to homeschool. But be real, that is forcing it on all low and middle income working class families. And consider the ridiculousness of not requiring vaccine proof for all the adults in the world, or all the kids and people at movie theaters, swimming pools, sporting events, supermarkets, airports, malls and more. Did you know 1,500 kids die from strep throat every year? Where's that headline and emergency proclamation?

Under-vaccinated children do not pose a public health threat. Period. Diseases are not coming from them. Even if every man, woman and child got an MMR vaccine, we would still have measles outbreaks, due to the life cycle of the virus and the known rate of vaccine failure. What is the point of vaccinating if an unvaccinated child can kill a vaccinated child, leaving the unvaccinated child the one that remains living?

Vaccines may be good, but they are not only good. Much like the overuse of antibiotics came back to bite us, I think the same is happening with over vaccination of children. I have read most of the books and thousands of published studies. There is plenty of evidence pointing to the rise in allergies, asthma, cancers, neurological impairment and autoimmune diseases, as being related to over-vaccination. There is a growing body of evidence that experiencing routine childhood illness (measles for example), protects against certain cancers later in life. We do not know everything there is to know about the immune system and infectious diseases.

Did you know death from measles in the United States fell 98% before the vaccine was even introduced? Did you know Oregon has very high rates of MMR vaccination? Did you know we give more doses than any other country, yet have the sickest kids by many measures? We need to figure this out, not just fast track a new law. Please realize you are being fed half-truths, and we should slow down to think and study what is happening, before you move forward so quickly with such a drastic removal of rights of conscientious objectors, which I believe will backfire in some way.

This bill leaves it open to add many more vaccines in the future. Where does it stop? At a minimum you must respect the religious values of many people who decline vaccination. Please read about the ingredients. Please read about the fraud in the Merck clinical trials. Please read about how the US HHS has not reviewed vaccine safety in 32 years, even though they are required to every year. Please read the VAERS vaccine injury reports and listen to the parents of vaccine injured children. Please know it is the overall CDC vaccine schedule that worries me, because the polypharmacy of giving so many has simply not been studied for long term adverse reactions. This bill would make it so a family cannot skip even one dose of 72 required. I firmly believe we really don't know what we're doing to children.

Please vote no on this bill. Maintain the online module or doctor consultation exemptions. That system is working. Oregon meets or exceeds 90% vaccinated for all of them. There is no infectious disease emergency. What an unbelievable situation for pharmaceutical corporations: a liability free product, mandated by the government, to a captive audience being threatened to get them all or get kicked out. There is however a cancer and suicide emergency happening in Oregon's kids, can you pass a law to fix that?

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