## Dear Legislators,

I am highly concerned about the motion of HB 3063 in the Oregon legislature in regards medical freedom, consent, and children's health and safety.

I am a citizen and a mother of a vaccinated 9 year old who lives and attends public school in Oregon.

I am FULLY AGAINST the passing of any bill requiring the mandatory vaccination of children as an enrollment requirement in the state.

Medical choices are the territory of an individual, their family, and their chosen physician. Medical choices, including the injection of significant, active and toxic substances into the bloodstream of minor-age persons, should not be legislated. There is the notion that this is in the sake of public safety. However, there is significant science and evidence to suggest that this is not true. As well, many individuals are also endangered by the injection of these substances in their body physically -- or opposed to the procedures on religious and moral grounds. To keep these children and families from enrollment in schools is to act on ignorance, hysteria, and mob fear --- not on science and evidence!!

I write this especially because my own child IS vaccinated. However, we did NOT follow the typical recommend standard for how and when to vaccinate. We consulted carefully with multiple sources, including our pediatric M.D. and created a schedule which matched her health needs and development. We started much later, went slowly (never more than one vaccine at a time), and as a result needed many fewer injections to reach "full" immunity levels.

I fully support every parent's right to choose what is right for his/her own child. AND I do not believe that choice should keep them from receiving the benefits of a public education in the state of Oregon as they do not pose a risk to others.

This bill attacks all Oregonians right for medical freedom.

There are many risks affecting our children's health. I would recommend our legislature become MUCH more concerned about access to healthcare, toxic levels in our rivers, air, and drinking waters, improved childhood nutrition programs, parental leave for newborns and for ill children, and so many other public health education and program improvements. These are much more impressive and respectful ways of protecting our children and investing in our public health.

Thank you for your consideration,

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