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Subject: RE: Mandatory Vaccination Bill HB 3063 - Oppose
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Hello,

I am writing to tell you that I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren.

I am a mother and an Oregon resident.

This is very important to me because **this bill takes away our medical freedom as Oregon residents** to choose what vaccinations we want our school age children to receive. I believe parents should **retain their rights and medical freedom** without being coerced.

It also takes away the freedom for everyone to receive education in our state regardless of philosophical or religious views. This is outright **DISCRIMINATORY** towards parents and children in the state of Oregon.

There are many valid reasons why parents may choose to use an exemption. Maybe their child or a sibling has had a reaction to a vaccination that doesn't qualify for a medical exemption, so they choose to no longer use use that vaccine while still choosing to use others. Perhaps they are using an alternative schedule to space out the dosing or have religious or moral objections. These are all valid and should be honored.

Oregon has only had 4 cases on confirmed measles this year, none of which have led to death. (<https://multco.us/measles2019>)

As of November 30, 2018, there have been more than [92,844](#) reports of measles vaccine reactions, hospitalizations, injuries and deaths following measles vaccinations made to the federal [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#), including [457](#) related deaths, [6,902](#) hospitalizations, and [1,736](#) related disabilities. [Over 50%](#) of those adverse events occurred in children three years old and under.

As of January 2, 2019, there has been [1,258](#) claims filed in the federal [Vaccine Injury Compensation Program \(VICP\)](#) for injuries and deaths following MMR vaccination, including 82 deaths and 1,176 serious injuries.

Only 2.7% of Oregon schoolchildren currently hold a philosophical or religious exemption, meaning that scientifically we already have high community immunity to disease. **Therefore, there's no reason to take away parental rights to those using non-medical exemptions.**

I hope you will not support this bill along with me.

Sincerely,
Valerie Hobbs
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