

Dear Representatives,

I strongly oppose HB 3063 which will take away non-medical exemptions from Oregon parents.

I am a Mother of 3 young children and I find this bill very concerning. I'll start by saying I can see the common ground in that we all want what's best for the community and our children and also that I personally choose to vaccinate my kids.

With that being said, vaccines are not something as simple as wearing a helmet or a seatbelt, we're talking about injecting a substance into ANOTHER PERSONS BODY. Something that can potentially and irrefutably carry real side effects, sometimes permanent. I whole heartedly believe that parents should have the right to determine what the best decision for their own family is, together with their care provider without fear of the repercussions (being banned from daycare and education).

Doctors are able to review a patients medical history and make their educated recommendation, often in compliance with the recommended CDC schedule. I urge you to let that be enough. At a 2.5% opt out rate state wide, we are still well within the limits of herd immunity.

PLEASE do NOT support this bill, taking away parental rights and medical freedom.

Sincerely,  
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