

February 28, 2019

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Please support HB 3063!

Dear Rep. Rick Lewis:

Hello, my name is Julian Uselman DO and I am a Family Medicine Primary Care Provider writing to urge your support of HB 3063, which seeks to remove the non-medical vaccine exemption from Oregon law.

As a primary care provider here in Oregon, I can see first hand the benefits of vaccines, and the marvel they have accomplished in our public health. However I also see the irrational fears that are occurring in some circles, specifically around the business of misinformation in regards to vaccine risks. While some profit off that fear, others are being harmed. I support everyone making their own healthcare choices. However I also feel those choices should not put others at risk.

Right now, Oregon and Southwest Washington are seeing first-hand the effects of the current measles outbreak on individuals, families, our caregivers and our community.

This outbreak was preventable. Those who opt out of vaccinating their children could place other vulnerable members of the population, including infants and those with compromised immune systems, at greater risk for exposure.

Despite what you may have heard, vaccines does not cause autism in children. Scientists at the CDC, the Institute of Medicine and other reputable entities have never found a credible link between the use of vaccines and autism in children.

Vaccines save lives. Please support HB 3063!

Thank you,