

Testimony as follows:

I strongly oppose HB 3063. I also object to the fast tracking of this bill and hearing, making it difficult for people to testify in person and to gather information together. Following are the specific reasons for my objections.

1. This bill would remove parental rights to decline a medical intervention that carries risk. This destroys the very bedrock of medical ethics: informed consent. Informed consent implies the right to make a risk/benefit judgment and to decline if one determines the risk is not worth the potential benefit.

Vaccines can at times harm; that is why the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid out nearly \$4 billion for vaccine injury; that is why vaccine inserts list various reactions that have been reported; some mild, some quite serious. Regardless, whenever a health care intervention carries risk, there must be the right to freely decline without fear of punishment.

2. Parents should not have to choose between the education they pay for with their tax dollars (and even more if they also pay for private school) and their considered judgment about their child's health; which vaccines are most appropriate for their child. Unvaccinated healthy children are no threat to other children. Vaccinated children are protected. Immunocompromised children can't attend school anyway.

3. This bill requires a child to be injured first to be considered for exemption. That is unacceptable. Furthermore, it places control in the hands of the doctor and not the parent. This is a violation of parental rights. Many doctors are paid bonuses by insurance companies for full vaccine coverage in their practices. They have a conflict of interest: to give a medical exemption is to lose money. They may also worry about coming under scrutiny from authorities who are behind these mandates in the first place. And many doctors are very close minded on the subject. As the mother of a vaccine injured child, and quite clearly so, I have been very disappointed in my doctors who refused to consider it. A child would have to have a devastating reaction almost immediately after vaccination to have any hope of a medical exemption.

4. This bill violates the right of conscience. Many of the required vaccines (MMR, chicken pox, Hep A, Hep B, polio) are made using cells cultured from aborted babies. I object to participating in abortion by consenting to these vaccines. It is not necessary to manufacture vaccines this way. It is unjust to force parents to use a product that they view as immoral in order for their

children to gain an education. My children did get them because I didn't know. (The information provided was totally inadequate, another reason I support SB649 to make vaccine inserts available to parents before consenting to vaccination.)

5. Measles, the current justification for this bill, is a generally self-limiting disease. When I was young, measles was common and nobody was scared of it. People sent their kids to the homes of other kids with measles in hopes that they would get it too, and get it over with. While it is true that there can be complications from measles, the vast majority of those who get measles recover and have lifelong immunity. There have been *zero deaths from measles in the last 10 years*. On the other hand, during the same time period, *108 deaths have been reported to VAERS after an MMR vaccine*. Why doesn't this matter? It seems only right to compare injuries and deaths from measles with those from the vaccine. It's very difficult to do because the studies and reporting are inadequate. But an attempt ought to be made.

6. It is not true that vaccines have been subjected to rigorous safety testing. Indeed, in correspondence with the Informed Consent Action Network, HHS has recently revealed that there have been no true saline placebo controls in any vaccine safety study. All the placebos have either contained the same problematic ingredients as the vaccine being tested (e.g. aluminum) or have been other vaccines. That's not honest science. When asked to produce the studies that they claim to show safety, HHS was unable to provide a single double blind saline placebo controlled study. The correspondence and government documents may be read at [icandecide.org](http://icandecide.org).

7. The current outbreak is within the range of cyclical patterns of measles outbreaks, and the vaccine coverage in Oregon is already high at about 94%. Some level of periodic outbreak is expected.

8. Vaccine manufacturers were given immunity in 1986. They cannot be sued for any damage their product causes. It is unconscionable to mandate a liability-free product. That removes the only incentive left for consumers to encourage vaccine manufacturers to increase the safety of their product. After all, the reason they were given immunity in the first place was because there were so many lawsuits for injury, and manufacturers threatened to stop making them altogether. This shows that vaccines were and are risky. That is why immunity was demanded and given. No matter how well intentioned, *it is unconscionable to mandate a liability-free product injected into the human body*.

9. Furthermore, there is evidence of fraud at the CDC concerning MMR. MMR is the only vaccine ever studied to see if it was implicated in autism. The association with autism turned out to be so damning that the CDC manipulated the results and then destroyed the original data. William Thompson participated in that fraud, but kept the data, turned it over to Congressman William Posey, got whistleblower status, and years later is still waiting to testify.

10. This is not academic to me. I have reason to believe both of my children were injured by their vaccines, but it is most clear in my daughter, who after receiving MMR, OPV and DT at one time when she was 18 months old, a week later woke up from a nap unable to walk and screaming in pain. The emergency room doctors and her pediatrician both said they didn't think it was a reaction. I did. She had been perfectly healthy; there was no reason for this scary event to happen. What they told me was essentially, "We don't know what it was; but we know it wasn't the vaccines." What? How can you say that? Parents repeat that same story of being dismissed by their doctors, over and over again.

Many years later I learned that VAERs had many reports of "gait disturbance" after MMR. It is a sign of cerebellar ataxia, a form of brain inflammation. Her reaction was not reported because I had no idea it could be reported, and her doctors certainly didn't report it. (HHS admits reactions are dramatically underreported: "Adverse events from drugs and vaccines are common, but underreported. Although 25% of ambulatory patients experience an adverse drug event, less than 0.3% of all adverse drug events and 1-13% of serious events are reported to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Likewise, *fewer than 1% of vaccine adverse events are reported.*")

But that wasn't the end of it. When my daughter was seven, she began developing tics, which got much worse at puberty. My children were in the generation that got thimerosal in their vaccines, and thimerosal causes tics. It also is implicated in OCD and anxiety, issues my daughter has also had to contend with. These are lifelong chronic conditions. There is also concern about future autoimmune disease or cancer due to the fetal DNA in the MMR she received.

Thimerosal has been removed from most (not all) vaccines. As far as I know CDC has never admitted the damage this ingredient caused. Vaccines have also never been studied in combination, even though that is how they are almost always given.

Even if vaccines were properly studied and proved safe for most people, I would still insist on the right to decline, like any other medical intervention that carries risk. But given the current situation, with all market forces removed that would encourage improving vaccine safety, plus evidence of fraud at the CDC, it is even more critical that this right be maintained.

The Democratic governor of Colorado, Jared Polis, recently said, "It's important that parents vaccinate their children, but you can't do that at the point of a gun...When the government tries to force parents to do this, it creates distrust in both vaccinations and distrust in government." Isn't this obvious? That is exactly what this bill does.

The science (or lack of it) is all a matter of public record. None of this is a conspiracy theory. That pejorative, like "anti-vaxxer," is just an attempt to discredit parents who have been complaining for decades now that their children were injured by their vaccines. More and more, the science supports our contention.

Jon Poling, father of Hannah Poling, who received compensation from VCIP for her vaccine-caused autism, was interviewed about his experience:

"Although Poling has an MD and a PhD and is trained as a neurologist, he admits it was very difficult to come to terms with his daughter's diagnosis. In his neurology practice in Georgia, some of his patients are children with autism, so he is very familiar with the condition. His wife, Terry, is both a nurse and an attorney.

**Even so, he says, they had some trouble initially getting doctors to take their concerns seriously. When Hannah exhibited symptoms after a series of five immunizations including nine vaccines, doctors initially passed them off as nothing serious.** But as the symptoms didn't abate and in fact got worse, as parents, the Polings knew something was wrong.

...As he heard from other parents dealing with the same diagnosis, the initial denial, followed by difficulty in accepting the reality, was a common thread, Poling found."

Conclusion:

Please abandon this terrible and unjust bill. You need to take parents seriously and not dismiss their concerns. Above all, you must not deprive them of their

fundamental rights to care for their children's health as THEY see fit, without being deprived of the education their taxes pay for.

Links to evidence for claims made in this testimony below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vaccines made using cells cultured from fetal tissue:

<http://soundchoice.org/wp-content/uploads/vaccineListOrigFormat-1.pdf>

- Measles deaths vs MMR deaths

<https://healthimpactnews.com/2015/zero-u-s-measles-deaths-in-10-years-but-over-100-measles-vaccine-deaths-reported/>

William Thompson CDC whistleblower

<http://avoiceforchoice.org/cdcwhistleblower/>  
<http://avoiceforchoice.org/cdcwhistleblower/>

- Gait disturbance after MMR

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1651-2227.2000.tb01188.x>

Thimerosal and Tics

<https://www.westonaprice.org/health-topics/environmental-toxins/the-consequences-and-challenges-of-developmental-mercury-exposure/>

Less than 1% of reactions reported:

<https://healthit.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>

- Governor Polis

[https://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/431580-colorado-governor-defends-exemptions-states-cant-enforce-vaccines-at-the-point-of-a-gun?fbclid=IwAR07pj3CaFxXFFt4twMBW3rhu7\\_AHijBcL6Ba1Qem4zIefRAMwGb3iVbBa4](https://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/431580-colorado-governor-defends-exemptions-states-cant-enforce-vaccines-at-the-point-of-a-gun?fbclid=IwAR07pj3CaFxXFFt4twMBW3rhu7_AHijBcL6Ba1Qem4zIefRAMwGb3iVbBa4)

John Poling interview:

<https://www.webmd.com/brain/autism/news/20080306/dad-in-autism-vaccine-case-speaks-out#1>

Measles in Oregon – general information

<https://www.oregoniansformedicalfreedom.com/important-historical-facts-and-updates-about-measles-in-oregon-u-s/>