Thank you for your service to our state!

I am writing to tell you that I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren. I believe parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being coerced, and I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status.

As a parent of a child who has had lasting negative reactions to vaccinations, this issue hits very close to me and my family. To watch your child's behavior change post vaccination and see that every day since, is not only scary to observe, but also incredibly difficult to justify since it could be avoided. I do not wish any parent to see these obvious negative outcomes of these medical procedures.

This is, in my nearly three decades of being a voter, my first time ever writing to my representatives regarding any issue. I am not naive enough to think that any of you will thoroughly read the letters you receive on this, or any hot topic. But, hopefully the sure volume of communication will have an impact against HB 3063. Most importantly, my hope is the financial influence that pharmaceutical companies have are not influencing your decisions.

Respectfully, Steve Cardinale Lake Oswego, OR