

Good afternoon,

I am writing you today regarding House Bill 3063, asking you to oppose. I have never written anyone in the legislature before regarding any bill or decisions to be made, but the nature of this bill I feel compelled to write and ask you to vote against it. I know there is a great deal of media hype and fear with the measles outbreak so nearby; a lot of misinformation has gone out and given opportunity for unnecessary panic. I'm asking that this decision would not be made out of panic, that you would not take away freedoms from people or infringe on the medical rights of your citizens. I only began to do research into the current vaccine schedule, types, and so forth when I had my son last year. My research came from a background in being vaccinated, from never having much of an opinion about the current vaccine schedule, and from working in an allopathic medical field. I cannot say after that research that I felt the current schedule was anything to be mandated. One is far more likely to end up with a vaccine injury than they are to die from these diseases that are being vaccinated against. Proper hygiene, good medical care, access to clean water, and sufficient nutrition are far more important to keeping these diseases at bay, and as shown from history, have been a far greater catalyst to keeping people from childhood illnesses than the vaccines themselves.

I have only moved to Oregon within the last 5 years, and the medical freedoms I have here, the access to all kinds of medical care—these are all things I treasure about living in this state, things I cannot say other states have in abundance or at all. They are things that cause me to want my family to stay and grow here, for my child to enjoy his life and find his livelihood here. I would never want a demand put on someone else, even if it was something I opposed—because that is what our freedom in this country is about, that whether or not we all agree on the matter at hand, we are still allowed to conduct ourselves in this country as we see fit.

Do not let this decision be about money or power. You have power only as given from on high: please use your decision-making abilities for the best of this state, not for your motives, not for gain, not out of fear. Please do not take away our rights for vaccine exemptions based on religious or philosophical beliefs. Do not tarnish the greatness of this state, leaving a scarring legacy as those in California or even now Washington.

Please oppose HB 3063 for the sake of our futures.

Thank you,  
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