

Dear Representatives & Senators in the state of Oregon,

I am writing to tell you that I **oppose HB 3063**, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren.

I am a mother and an Oregon resident. This is very important to me because **this bill takes away our medical freedom as Oregon residents** to choose what vaccinations we want our school age children to receive. I believe parents should **retain their rights and medical freedom** without being coerced.

It also takes away **the freedom for everyone to receive education in our state regardless of philosophical or religious views.** This is outright **DISCRIMINATORY** towards parents and children in the state of Oregon.

This bill is in direct opposition to the Oregon Department of Education anti-discrimination policy (<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/Pages/default.aspx>.)

Anti-Discrimination Policy

It is a policy of the State Board of Education and a priority of the Oregon Department of Education that there will be **no discrimination** or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, **religion**, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Oregon has **only had 4 cases on confirmed measles this year** (<https://multco.us/measles2019>).

Only 2.7% of Oregon schoolchildren currently hold a philosophical or religious exemption, meaning that scientifically we already have high community immunity to disease. **Therefore, there's no reason to take away parental rights to those using non-medical exemptions.**

I hope you will not support this bill along with me.

Thank you for your time,
Charissa Hatten
Redmond, OR