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## Re: Mandated Vaccines/ Removal of Exemptions

Medical freedoms are vital to allow each person the opportunity for optimal health. There is no "one size fits all" when it comes to health care. Leading doctors have pushed common practices on the public in the past that were later deemed to be wrong—each person (and parent!) must be given the medical freedom to make choices without government interference.

Pharmaceutical opinions are much more easily purchased than that of a parent who has witnessed the negative effects our children experience after vaccines.

Every child in Oregon deserves equal access to education despite their sex, gender, religion and health practices. If a person's religious beliefs restrict the use of vaccine ingredients or medical intervention, are they no longer entitled to education? If the philosophical beliefs of parents do not allow them to vaccinate according to the full schedule, are they no longer entitled to education? Their informed decision bans their child from education?

To push this forward is to ignore the inherent right of parents to oversee, guide, and determine the best route for their children and places child rearing in the hands of lawmakers instead. That is atrocious. To remove our philosophical exemption is an attempt to remove our freedom to think for ourselves! To remove religious exemption is to take away or full expression of belief. It must not be done. Oregonians should be appalled at the suggestion.

Educate parents. Be transparent with the pros and cons. Promote informed consent. Respect the parents' decisions.

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