

Dear State Legislators,

I am reaching out as an Oregon citizen, wife, and working mother. I strongly 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 as a taxpayer contributing to the Oregon economy I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status. Many Oregonians are opposed to this bill for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the true unvaccinated rate in Oregon is not 7.5% but 2.6%. These numbers of school vaccines include Hepatitis B, a sexually transmitted disease/needle sharing disease that many parents opt out of if the mother is Hep B negative. Parents who choose to vaccinate for everything else, but opt out of Hep B, are captured in the 7.5% exemption rate that is used to cause a panic about declining vaccination rates in Oregon. I was one of these mothers. Please understand that this year's measles outbreak nationwide so far is 159 cases but 2011 saw 220 cases, 2014 had 667 and last year there were 372 reported cases.

This is about medical freedom. I pride Oregon for the many freedoms we have here in this state, and freedom about what pharmaceutical made medicines are injected into our bodies and our children's bodies is essential and our constitutional right. This is about bodily autonomy and informed consent.

There are many reasons parents use those exemptions. Perhaps their child has had a reaction to a vaccination that doesn't qualify for a medical exemption, and so they choose to no longer use that vaccine, even if they use others. Perhaps they are using a spaced out or reduced schedule. This bill no longer allows for parents (who know their children) to make individualized decisions on each vaccine and treats medicine with a "one size fits all" attitude. We know this is not how medicine works. Parents who have valid concerns over the safety of these vaccines, and parents who have vaccine injured children will be discriminated against with this bill, and it is concerning that we will be creating a generation of children without access to schools. Low income families that choose not to vaccinate and cannot homeschool will be forced to leave the state. Oregon has cases of measles nearly every year with no media hysteria. Vaccines have a place, but this unsubstantiated fear is not a reason to remove all exemptions.

The United States Government has paid out more than \$4 billion dollars to vaccine victims through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. Vaccines are a pharmaceutical made product that come with a list of side effects and carry undeniable risk. The Supreme Court has ruled vaccines are "unavoidably unsafe." The American Medical Association, in section 9.133 Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians of the AMA Code of Ethics, affirm the right to both religious and philosophical exceptions for themselves to decline vaccination.

To date, A "vaccinated vs. unvaccinated" study has never been conducted. No one has ever done a double-blind placebo controlled study on multiple-dose vaccines given multiple times.

Where there is risk, there MUST be choice.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter regarding our medical freedom. It is very much appreciated.

I hope you will oppose this bill and stand by our parental, and human rights.

Thank you for reading,

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