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My name is Dr. Tyler Emmert and I am a Chiropractor in the Portland Metro area. 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.

Only 2.7% of Oregon school children 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.

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 not longer use that vaccine, even if they use others. Perhaps they are using a spaced out or reduced schedule. They may be a member of a religion (such a Jehovah's Witness), which is morally opposed to the use of vaccination.

As part of the medical community in the state of Oregon, I believe it is our right to protect our patient's and give them the tools needed to make educated decisions for what they feel is best for their family. I also believe it is against our ethical code to force treatment (whether done with good intent or bad) upon any individual for personal or financial gain.

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion and I hope you can stand with me during these trying times.

Sincerely,

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