

Dear Committee Members on Health Care

Please oppose HB 3063. This bill is an infringement on our right to bodily autonomy and informed consent. The US Supreme Court has ruled vaccines as “unavoidably unsafe’ and where there is risk, there must be choice.

I am a mother of two children. One son who suffers from a disability caused by the MMR vaccine and a daughter who was born with a neural tube defect. Both of my children have documented proof from medical doctors showing it is a contradiction to give them vaccines according to each manufacture's recommendations. Documents also showing because of their conditions, they should not be given vaccines according to the CDC guidelines.

The average person may think since the actual manufacturer and CDC do not recommend vaccines for these conditions, any doctor should be willing to write a medical exemption. WRONG! Over the past two years, I've called 100s of doctor offices within a days driving distance from us. Not one doctor said they are even open to discussing the possibly of exemptions. Most just said "I don't do those". Why? Why is it so hard to get a medical exemption? I'm not looking to "buy off" a doctor. I have the documents and want to discuss an exemption. Surely a doctor who truly believes in "First, do no harm" would be willing to discuss my children's health history and go through the vaccine inserts with me in detail. Weight the risk. Both of the vaccines and the diseases they are suppose to protect from.... FOR MY CHILDREN! Vaccines certainly aren't "One size fits all". Furthermore, the dosages aren't adjusted for the particular child.

My son currently is enrolled in a home school charter hybrid. Honestly, he isn't learning anything academic at home. He thrives when he takes the campus classes weekly. Not only is he focused and inspired, he is also learning! I'd love for him to be in a regular public kindergarten. Between therapy and care provider appointments, he would miss a signification amount of school, thus putting him behind. Full time home school didn't work. Too many distractions at home! This public home school charter school hybrid has been amazing for him. Academically, socially and emotionally.

If this bill passes, it will end our public charter school journey, thus putting him behind academically. If this bill passes, children across Oregon will suffer. Either academically or health wise. Please do not take away non medical exemptions. Even though many children should have medical exemptions, it is near impossible to find a doctor who will stand up for your child and say "I will first do no harm".

Please, vote NO on HB 3063. For my children, Caleb and Charlotte. For all Oregon children.

Thank you,
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