February 28, 2019

Oregon State Legislature House Committee on Health Care 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Please oppose HB 3063

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a mother to three young children and a resident of Tigard, Oregon. I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 3063, which seeks to remove the non-medical vaccine exemption from Oregon law.

Vaccines are constantly referred to as "safe and effective," but this casual phrasing fails to acknowledge that vaccines are the only medical product that are not held to the same safety standards as all other medical products. There have not been double-blind placebo-controlled studies on vaccines. In addition, as noted by Leslie Hamlett, ND (one of the practitioners at the medical practice my family attends), "...nor has the development of this product advanced enough to look at the long-term effects the current CDC recommended schedule has on the health of our children and the role genetics and immunobiology play in their safety."

Serious adverse reactions from vaccines can and do occur. The establishment of the National Vaccine Childhood Injury Act in 1986 acknowledges this. The precise reason certain individuals are susceptible to vaccine injury is not known. Yet the pharmaceutical companies who manufacture these vaccines cannot be held liable for these injuries. How can we mandate the administration of a product that may cause harm?

Where there is a risk, there must be a choice. Please oppose HB 3063.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Janis La Crosse