

Dear representatives,

I testify today on behalf of my family against measure HB3063. I'm an Associate Director at a compliance firm in Portland, Oregon and submitting this testimony as a concerned parent.

My wife and I have a 19 month old baby boy who is with us here today. According to CDC guidelines that are [publicly available](#) on the CDC website and based on doctor consultation, this child should not get vaccinated with several vaccines or should wait, including the MMR, because he has a parent with a history of immune system problems. Yet, despite these guidelines and despite this medical advice, we do not qualify for a medical exemption from these vaccines in Oregon. We have approached several doctors and even though they acknowledge the problem, they are not able to grant a medical exemption. The only way for us to protect our child and send him to daycare, and soon to school, is based on a non-medical exemption.

These CDC guidelines acknowledge that while vaccines may be safe for most, they are not safe for all. Otherwise, why would these guidelines recommend particular groups of the population not to be vaccinated? We have heard testimony after testimony of parents whose child experienced a severe adverse reaction right after being vaccinated and regress into a debilitating condition that is not reversible for the rest of that child's entire life.

Additionally, many vaccines are made from aborted fetal cells, (ingredients listed on [CDC website](#)), which directly contradicts my religious beliefs. Coercing me and my family to inject these vaccines into our own bodies violates our freedom of religion and the right to informed medical consent.

If HB3063 would be accepted into law, we would be left with an impossible choice. Either me or my wife would need to quit our job to homeschool our child, or we would need to move out of Oregon to a state that does allow non-medical exemptions. Fully vaccinating our child and according to the schedule is not an option.

By not allowing our child to go to school you are taking away our freedom to make informed medical decisions for our child and you will take away his human right to education that every child in Oregon should have.