

Dear Chairwoman Salinas and Members of the Health Care Committee,

My Name is Nora Brock. I live in Sherwood Oregon. I am here in opposition to House Bill 3063. I am opposed to the mandating of vaccines for school children by the state. Vaccine can and often do cause injuries. It is for this reason that I am totally opposed to the state pursuing a course whereby it decides the rationale for vaccinating children. At minimum this is an over reach of power, at worst this is an undemocratic process leading to greater infringement on personal rights hidden under a guise for the public good.

I speak with knowledge of the wrongs that can happen when the government allows vaccine manufacturers and doctors a liability free product and then provides little or no supervision.

My grandson received a vaccine called ProQuad at 12 months in 2007. This was a 4 in 1 vaccine containing MMR with Varicella (chicken pox). ProQuad contained 10 times the amount of the Varicella component as a stand-alone vaccine. This was deemed necessary by Merck to gain an immune response due to the combination with 3 other live viruses.

My grandson became very ill after receiving this vaccine. He looked like he had a stroke. We didn't know what was wrong. He went back in to the doctor and he was sick enough they did a blood draw. On the day they did the blood draw, when he was so sick, the doctor gave him 4 more vaccines. When his blood draw came back my grandson had 3% neutrophils and 93% lymphocytes. His blood was a disaster and he should have been hospitalized, but no one informed his parents. No one retested his blood immediately afterward. A strange message arrived from the clinic saying he had Hodgkin's lymphoma, but as strangely as it came out, the doctor took it back and said it was sent out by mistake. He lost all of his 40 some words. He developed a positive ANA a sign of autoimmune disease or lupus. He also lost skin pigment on his stomach and face, an autoimmune condition called Vitiligo. And then his left eye began to drift inward. He was sent to an eye doctor this doctor a possible optic nerve issue and sent on to the childhood specialist. The specialist never mentioned the nerve issue to his parents and instead began treatment for a lazy eye. Four years later through the efforts of his aunt a pediatric dentist, who researched his condition, she was able to convince Casey Eye Institute to look at his eyes. They determined he was blind in his left eye. OHSU Hematology and Casey Eye Institute both did numerous blood tests, but were unable to come up with any diagnosis as to the cause of his optic nerve issue or his blood condition. I believe that no one told his parents the truth at the beginning, because on that fateful day that he got a blood draw the poor little boy was given 4 more vaccines. This could have possibly become an issue for a possible malpractice lawsuit. But by the time we were able to gain all of his records, the time had passed for the vaccine court 3 years and a malpractice lawsuit was limited to 5 years and the time was up.

ProQuad has quite a story. Merck came out with ProQuad shortly after the Vioxx disaster where Merck knowingly killed 60 thousand people with Vioxx. They were sued and they lost. Their stocks hit rock bottom. There was an article I read that discussed Merck rushing four vaccines through the FDA one of which was ProQuad. It was an all-out effort to repair their bottom line. They bragged about how these vaccines were going to fix the damage of Vioxx.

There was a five-part series of articles written by UPI about ProQuad. It was very telling. The vaccine had a troubled history injuring many children. Seizures and fevers in the trials were double that of the

MMR and the stand-alone varicella vaccine. Merck did not report all of the injuries during the short 42-day trial period to the FDA. Merck's facility manufacturing ProQuad was cited by the FDA for tainted drugs and improper safety measures. The UPI reporter, contacted the FDA regarding the failure of Merck to report the injuries he had become aware of during his research. Two children were reported to have died through VAERS. In 2008 the FDA accepted a new adverse reaction for ProQuad including encephalitis, and a few years ago the FDA added Optic Neuritis and ADEM to the list of adverse events.

Optic Neuritis is when your optic nerve becomes inflamed. ON can flare up suddenly from an infection or nerve disease. The inflammation usually causes temporary vision loss that typically happens in only one eye. Those with ON sometimes experience pain.

Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM) is characterized by a brief but widespread attack of inflammation in the brain and spinal cord that damages myelin – the protective covering of nerve fibers. ADEM often follows viral or bacterial infections, or less often, vaccination for measles, mumps, or rubella. The symptoms of ADEM appear rapidly, beginning with encephalitis-like symptoms such as fever, fatigue, headache, nausea and vomiting, and in the most severe cases, seizures and coma. ADEM typically damages white matter (brain tissue that takes its name from the white color of myelin), leading to neurological symptoms such as visual loss (due to inflammation of the optic nerve) in one or both eyes, weakness even to the point of paralysis, and difficulty coordinating voluntary muscle movements (such as those used in walking).

ProQuad was pulled from the market in 2007 three months after my grandson received it. ProQuad made Merck over 2 billion dollars in the two years before it was pulled from the market.

Please consider the dangers of vaccines and understand that mandates are a dangerous road for our state to travel. Remember Merck killed 60,000 people and no one went to prison. Do you really think that Merck is going to protect our children just because they are producing vaccines and not opioids? When the truth comes out about the fraud and malfeasance by our government agencies supervising these last decades of vaccines, there will be a price to pay. This is the crime of the century. Just like the tobacco industry, the lead industry, and the coal industry, the oil industry, and recently the pesticide industry namely Monsanto, the vaccine industry must be reined in. The time has come to truly regulate and open up law suit on an industry that is corrupting the very foundation this country was built on. Now is not the time to capitulate and fall prey to the wild call of emergency regarding the Measles. Nothing has changed unless you are listening to a pharmaceutical army paid for by the sick children of this county.

Mandating is wrong, this is the United States.