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Subject: Please oppose HB 3063
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Dear,

I am a resident of Astoria, Oregon. I am mother of five school aged children, whom I homeschool but participate in public school sports and activities.

I strongly oppose Bill 3063, which would eliminate non-medical vaccination exemptions for school children in Oregon.

This bill is not in keeping with our values as Oregonians. Parental choice in medical decisions is essential for a healthy society and healthy children. This bill is responding to media hysteria rather than common sense public health concerns.

The recent measles cases in WA and OR have been turned into a media hysteria. There has been one hospitalization and no deaths. There have been 11 documented deaths due to measles since 1999. This is not a national or state emergency needing excessive measures to prevent. We already have in place effective health measures to treat viral illnesses and to prevent deaths. Measles is a well known and understood childhood illness, with clear protocols for treating.

Approximately 40,000 children have died in car accidents since 1999. Accidents are the leading cause of death of children. This is a national emergency worthy of study, intervention and preventative policy.

1.5 million children are homeless today in the USA. This is a national emergency that needs to be addressed.

There are 11 million children who are refugees worldwide right now due to war, human rights abuses, environmental collapse and climate change. This is a global emergency and crisis that needs to be addressed.

Vaccination rates have not dropped in Oregon in the past 20 years.

Currently only 2.5% of Oregon school children are fully unvaccinated.

Yet the pharmaceutical companies that manufacture vaccines have 100% immunity from any injuries or deaths that occur due to their vaccines. In 2011 the Supreme Court ruled that pharmaceutical companies would have no liability for their products. The current vaccine schedule is not backed by rigorous, objective scientific review. 20,123 people have reported injury or death due to vaccines in the past 30 years and 17,576 cases have been resolved with 2 out of 3 claims receiving monetary compensation. \$4 billion has been paid to victims of vaccine injury and death by the US government. (This only takes into account official cases reporting vaccine injury and death. There may be thousands more that have gone unreported.)

Parental choice is absolutely necessary in such a situation.

There are many great concerns that we as parents, grandparents and citizens have for our children in society today.

There is great reason to be anxious, worried and to wish to take control of the situation.

Yet mandated vaccination is not going to keep our children safe from gun violence, from school shootings, from homelessness, from car accidents or from the effects of war. These are real concerns.

Please DO NOT support this bill. **Please maintain the integrity and respect for MEDICAL FREEDOM AND PARENTAL CHOICE IN OREGON by NOT SUPPORTING BILL 3063.**

Blessings,

Niina Maher

"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8