

February 27, 2019,

Dear members of the House Committee on Healthcare,

I am a mother of two school age children and a chiropractor. I oppose HB 3063 for several reasons. I feel that as parents we should have the right to choose the medical care that our children receive. I choose to feed my children healthy food, make sure they get enough exercise and sleep and also monitor what activities they are involved with and who they spend time with. It is important to me that they are healthy and vibrant individuals. I have spent countless hours researching vaccinations and I am able to make an educated decision about what I feel is best for my children's health. It is our individual right to be able to make health care decisions for ourselves and our children.

It is a known fact that vaccines can cause injury and death in some people, and come with contraindications for others. They are just like other pharmaceutical drugs that have risks and side effects. However, the vaccines manufacturers and the doctors who administer vaccines are shielded from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths. Big Pharma spends a ton of money lobbying to our federal and state representatives to persuade them to force vaccinations on the public. I ask that you please listen to the concern of your constituents and allow us to have the freedom to make our own medical decisions about what is best for the health of our families.

HB 3063 is stating that there is a state of emergency due to the recent measles outbreak in WA and OR. According to the Centers for Disease Control, this year's measles outbreak nationwide so far is only 159 cases but 2011 saw 220 cases, 2014 had 667 and last year there were 372 reported cases. There is no emergency!

HB 3063 aims to take away my children's right to an education, both at public and private schools. This bill will discriminate against those families that are making a choice to do what they feel is best for their children. It is also a bill that would affect my children's privacy rights, since it will allow others to know their personal health information of whether or not they are vaccinated. Please oppose HB 3063 and continue to allow parents to do what is in the best interests of their children.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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