

Dear elected officials,

I oppose HB 3063.

As a parent, I am not fundamentally opposed to vaccines, rather I object to the idea that anything other than an informed discussion with my physician that results in an individual plan that I agree to is violating my right as a parent to make the best choices for my children. The idea that just one missed vaccination would be cause for my children to not receive the education they are entitled to is unconscionable.

I also value the rights of other families to choose whether or not to immunize based on religious and philosophical beliefs, just as I respect others rights to choose who to love and which religion to follow. These are basic constitutional rights. Withholding education based on those reasons is a direct violation of those rights.

If this bill passes, we are essentially writing a blank check to the pharmaceutical industry. Without any type of liability or recourse, there is potential for many more mandated vaccines to present down the pipeline. Our only protection is a personal or religious exemption.

I am trusting you, as my elected officials, to represent your constituents, including parents such as myself and others who are making very thoughtful decisions about our children's health based on our individual situations and religious and personal beliefs.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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