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TO: Oregon State Legislature, Senate Committee on Health Care Re: Opposition for HB 3063

Honarable Chair and Committee Members,

I am a parent of 3 children, ages 15 ½, 13, and 9 years 11 months. For the most part, My wife and I made a point to follow our pediatricians' CDC required schedule for vaccination, trusting that we had done our part for the so-called greater good. On receiving MMR vaccine dose for the first time, my now nearly 10 year old son, who had been happy, engaged, and beginning to say simple things like "Hi" when he appropriately played with a toy cell phone, became sick with flu like symptoms, which pediatrics insist might be a "normal" vaccine reaction. Following this otherwise innocuous illness, he began to lose what little speech he had, descended into obsessive repetitive behavior, loss of contact, and after a variety of tests to rule out hearing issues for example, was diagnosed with autism. He now attends a special school due to his inability to speak, assimilate in a normal classroom, still needing assistance with toilet (ie, wears diapers), and his unpredictable self harming or outward harming behaviors.

I have heard numerous parental testimonials like mine over the years of seeking community of parents who know what has happened, despite the viral din of cacophonous repetition of the same slogans: "The science is settled on vaccines", "the link between autism and vaccines has been widely debunked", "you must do your part for the greater good".

These rhetorical unfounded talking points will not make the risks of vaccination go away, and as free citizens, people need to be able to make choices of whether they should take the risks.

If vaccination is so safe, why can a baby or a person with compromised immune system (elderly, etc), not receive the vaccination?

If vaccination is so effective, why then, according to news articles reporting on the latest crisis in Clark County, why is 1 dose of MMR vaccine 93% effective, but 2 doses 97% effective? There was a case among them who had not received both doses of vaccines. And if I understand the inverse correctly, it still means that the full schedule of vaccination for MMR vaccine is 3% ineffective. Following logically through, as measles begin to mutate into more virulent strains, thanks to the increased Darwinian pressure to evolve, these schedules will only become more and more aggressive, and quite probably more and more dangerous.

The answer to the "media epidemic" of measles cases is not to create a mandate for vaccinations and demand everyone to be forced to follow this schedule. Statistically, it would appear there are more cases of autism cropping up in the population than are measles cases. Can somebody answer why there is not more attention being put on preventing that?

There must be a path for informed consent to opt out of the medical procedure called vaccination. There must be a path for philosophical, religious or other objection; there is no reason why a person should be

compelled to put a foreign substance or object in their body. On close examination, it is quite probable that a vaccine has been made out of an animal product, so would a vegan be able to conscientiously object? It is very inconsistent that a State which upholds values of medical choice for a woman to abort a fetus, or pursue "shuffling off their own mortal coil" via assisted suicide would be so concerned for the greater good. Or are these other procedures perfectly consistent with forced vaccination? What other medical procedures should be compulsory for the greater good? Lobotomy of difficult mental health cases? Sterilization?

Choices are important in the United States. Please consider all the truthful testimony from within this letter, and in all other letters that recommend to oppose HB 3063, if only for the knowledge to help doctors uphold the tenet of "doing no harm".

Sincerely,

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