

My name is Felicia Cobb-Carlton. I am a small business owner, a mother of two and I live in Salem.

I am asking you to vote NO on HB3063.

Like many of the families here, I was vaccinating my oldest daughter before she started having adverse reactions to the vaccines. It took a while for us to realize the connection between the vaccines and her severe skin problems.

Once we realized the connection around 9 months old, we stopped vaccinating and her skin has since cleared up.

Clearly her body was not processing the vaccines well. Even though my child had a bad reaction to them, she does not qualify for a medical exemption from the state.

I believe that parents are the ones that should be able to make medical decisions for their kids, like I did for Scarlett. The government doesn't know or care about my kids like I do. The government should not be allowed to force my child to receive a medical treatment she has a history of reacting badly to or be banned from school.

Most families whose kids can have vaccines without bad reactions get their kids vaccinated. There is no reason to force them on those who react badly because there is no vaccine-preventable disease crisis happening in Oregon.

Please protect parents' rights to make to make the best medical decisions for their kids without kicking them out of school and vote NO on this bill.