

Hello,

I would like to send an email to let you know I oppose House Bill 3063. I believe all Oregonians should have the choice to determine when and how to vaccinate their children. A one size fits all schedule and timeline of vaccines simply does not work for everyone. I believe a lot of fear has been generated with the recent cases of measles in Washington and Oregon however; I believe we cannot lose sight of the fact that all children need to be protected and that doesn't look the same for each child.

For some that may mean immunizing right on the recommended schedule, for others it is delaying or spacing them out, and for another small percentage it is abstaining from all vaccines. The important part is that each parent is given the freedom of choice to do what they see fit and is best for their child. Doctors provide a huge wealth of knowledge in caring for and treating children and adults; however I believe it is an oversight and disservice to all the children if a parent's right to choose what they see best for their child, is lost. Oregon is a beautiful state and a place where I grew up. I moved away for a number of years but then returned to this state when I had my own children. Part of what I value in this state is the emphasis on the health of the environment and the health of the individual and I believe having the freedom of choice for medical decisions and care is part of that. Please don't pass this bill, allow for non medical exemptions so that families can choose when and how they vaccinate their children.

Thank you,
Lindsay McMurtry

Sent from my iPhone