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I am writing to you with respect to HB 3063, which would eliminate all philosophical and religious exemptions to vaccinations for Oregon's children and eliminate a family's freedom to make informed decisions about their child's medical care. I implore you to withdraw your support for this bill. I also find it quite reprehensible that this bill would declare a State of Emergency when none currently exists. That is a gross misuse of legislative power.

Our country was founded on the idea of religious and civil freedom. HB 3063 infringes on the rights of the people of Oregon to make informed choices about their medical treatment. We need to balance the rights of citizens of this state with the right of the Legislature to protect the health of its citizens. Civil rights are not a loop hole that needs to be closed but rather the life and breath of this country.

Additionally, there exists too much complicity between the Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control and the major pharmaceutical companies that produce vaccines to be assured of vaccine safety. I find these statistics very troubling:

- Every single vaccine carries a risk of serious side effects - a fact listed on the CDC website. There are now 74 doses of 54 vaccines recommended by the CDC given to children by age 18.
- Over \$4Billion has been paid out for vaccine injuries and deaths and the HHS estimates less than 1% of adverse events are reported. Mandating any procedure involving such risks is unethical.
- HHS has failed in its Congressional directive to study vaccine safety for 30 years.
- Mandating liability-free vaccines that have not been properly safety tested is in direct opposition to the first tenet of the Nuremberg Code.

With respect to ethical and religious beliefs, this bill would grossly deny citizens of their freedom. Some parents refuse vaccines due to the use of aborted fetal cells in the following vaccines: (listed as MRC-5 and WI-38 human diploid cells/ lung fibroblasts on the CDC excipient list) MMR, Varicella, MMRV, DTaP-IPV/Hib, Hep A, and more.

Three of the polio vaccines currently on the market contain cells grown from African green monkeys. The MMR vaccine also contains animal ingredients derived from poultry and cows. The measles and mumps viruses are cultivated in cultures of chick embryonic cells while the growth medium for all three viruses contains fetal bovine serum. Parents opposed to animal cruelty, those who are vegan and those who do not want the cells of other animals injected into their children should have the right to forgo these vaccines.

The other factors this bill does not address are:

- Supplemental funding to public schools for loss of student subsidies for children unable to attend public school.
- The ability of the state to educate children who do not meet the vaccine requirements to attend public or private school under the state's compulsory education law.

I believe HB3063 unacceptably infringes on the rights of parents to make informed medical decisions for their children. Medical freedom is essential in this country. Had our founding fathers the inkling of the future of medicine and its impact on our citizenship they may have included specific words related to it. I trust however within the words of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." there exists the power of the citizen to determine our own accord and that of our children. Balance is what is missing from

HB 3063. I would encourage you to look at some progressive legislature recently passed in Arizona. Arizona HB 2470,2471 and 2472 addresses the need to keep public health and safety at the forefront without infringing on civil rights of citizens. I am hopeful you will be open to a more balanced approach within this very charged issue.

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