

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you to oppose HB 3063 that would remove non medical vaccine exemptions.

My experiences with vaccines have not always been good. Our oldest daughter now 13 was vaccinated up to age 2. She had the "common" side effects: fevers up to 105 with loss of consciousness, loss of appetite, and sleeping a lot. I didn't think too much of it or look into it. When our second daughter was born she too went in for her routine shots at 2 months old. On our way home from that appointment she started screaming like we had never heard before. She immediately had a very high fever and would not nurse. She was in so much pain we couldn't even hold her. She screamed an ear piercing scream for several hours without eating. I'll never forget that scream. The pediatrician and ER told us it was normal. I knew in my heart and gut it was not normal. It was a heart wrenching, terrifying experience and she did not stop SCREAMING for hours or eat. Our oldest never reacted that way. Upon doing some research I quickly realized she likely had some brain swelling also known as encephalitis which is a common side effects of vaccines. More specifically Dtap which is listed as a side effect on the manufacturer insert. We chose not to give her more shots and have never stopped reading/researching the dangers of vaccines. She is 11 now and incredibly healthy. She loves school and it would be terrible if we had to take her out. We went on to have another child who is 4, not vaccinated and also incredibly healthy.

We just moved here from Idaho for my husband's career and we love it here. One of the major decisions for moving here was that Oregon had religious and philosophical exemptions. We would rather not be forced to move back.

Please oppose HB 3063. Parents have the right to chose what is best for their children. Mandating something that has known risks should never happen. Especially when the pharmaceutical companies cannot be held liable. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid out over 3 billion dollars to families since 1988. There is no denying there is risk. When there is risk there must always be choice.

Thank you,  
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