

Dear Member(s) of the Legislature,

Please oppose HB 3063. This bill is an infringement on our right to bodily autonomy and informed consent. The US Supreme Court has ruled vaccines as “unavoidably unsafe” and where there is risk, there must be choice. As a state that prides itself on providing its citizens with their rights to choose any number of things in their lives, this bill is a direct and blatant infringement on our basic human rights and should be opposed at any cost.

In this day and age where everyone is hyper-aware of bullying, rape culture, the #metoo movement, and obtaining consent from both parties, I cannot believe that there are people who would try to force vaccinations on those who don't want them. In my mind, this equates to medical rape. All the elements are there.

Rape: Rape is when someone uses force to penetrate another against their will. The force can be physical, coercion or abuse of authority. If HB 3063 passes, many of us will be saying NO, we will try to get away from our assailant, but because of abuse of authority and coercion we will be medically penetrated anyway.

No Means No: We teach our daughters to say NO, because unlike phrases like “not right now” or “I'd rather not,” the word NO cannot be misconstrued as being anything other than what it is. Taking away our right to philosophical exemptions is the same as taking away our ability to say NO. It's as simple as that. Can you imagine a sexual assault situation where someone is repeatedly screaming NO, but it doesn't matter because their mouth has been taped shut? Passing HB 3063 is taping our mouths shut.

Blaming the victims: Most of the people speaking out against vaccines have first-hand experience of being vaccine injured. Many children have suffered injuries and acquired autoimmune issues after vaccines that required years of therapy and interventions. Many others have suffered even greater damage: encephalopathy, autism, seizures and even death. When people like me speak up to warn that vaccines, like any other drugs, have side effects (just look at the vaccine inserts!), we are labeled “ANTI-VAXXERS,” “ANTI-SCIENCE,” and “DISEASE SPREADERS.” Somehow, we have been made to look like the bad guys. We are not anti-vaxxers. We are ex-vaxxers who were once pro-vaxxers. Vaccines are no longer a good fit for us and we have stopped. That is all. No need to blame us or call us names. We didn't ask for this.

Silencing the victims: A few weeks ago approximately 2,000 Washington parents drove to Olympia braving the threat of a snow storm to represent and be heard for the HB1638 hearing. None were given an opportunity to testify. During the press conference that followed, only legislators in favor of HB1638 were in attendance and answering questions. None of the parents of vaccine injured children were allowed in to the press conference. Those are examples of passive silencing. Others, however, don't even try to hide that they're silencing or censoring us. It's insidious how Adam Schiff (who wrote Mark Zuckerberg a letter telling him to shut down vaccine websites), Peter Hotez (who wants to censor books and social media), Richard Pan (who wants to pass legislation penalizing “speech criminals” online

including personal texts and emails) and others who are pushing pro-pharma legislation in this country make no secret about wanting to silence those who stray from the party line that “VACCINES ARE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE, HAVE NO SIDE-EFFECTS AND A FULLY VACCINATED NATION IS A HEALTHY NATION.” Many of us believed that, had our children vaccinated, suffered through the side-effects, and now focus daily on their diminished health. Are we not allowed to tell our stories? Are we not allowed to warn others? Are we now second-class citizens who don’t even deserve the right to free speech? We try to speak up, but we are silenced. Those who push for vaccine mandates would have it so much easier if the victims of vaccine injury would keep their mouths shut and go away. It’s similar to when people don’t want to hear the stories from rape victims because they want to protect the star quarterback.

In Judith Herman’s book, *Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence--From Domestic Abuse to Political Terror*, she speaks of why and how perpetrators silence their victims.

"In order to escape accountability for his crimes, the perpetrator does everything in his power to promote forgetting. Secrecy and silence are the perpetrator's first line of defense. If secrecy fails, the perpetrator attacks the credibility of his victim. If he cannot silence her absolutely, he tries to make sure that no one listens. To this end, he marshals an impressive array of arguments, from the most blatant denial to the most sophisticated and elegant rationalization. After every atrocity one can expect to hear the same predictable apologies: it never happened; the victim lies; the victim exaggerates; the victim brought it upon herself; and in any case it is time to forget the past and move on. The more powerful the perpetrator, the greater is his prerogative to name and define reality, and the more completely his arguments prevail."

Those whose children have been injured by vaccines are all too familiar with these tactics. They’ve been dismissed by doctors who roll their eyes at them and say the seizures that immediately followed vaccinations are a coincidence. “Tsk tsk—correlation does not equal causation!” Are these doctors willing to write medical exemptions? NO. They tell of their children being paralyzed from vaccines (Guillain-Barre syndrome—a known side effect listed in the inserts), and we are rebuked for being anecdotal, not scientific. People have contracted measles soon after getting their MMR (which contains a live virus), and they are told they got it from an anti-vaxxer—there is no possible way they could have gotten it from the vaccine (even though that is a side effect listed in the insert). Victims are silenced in many ways and made to look and feel like idiots. Meanwhile, bills get introduced to take away our rights.

Is this the kind of culture we are trying to create here in America--medical rape culture? Where instead of “boys will be boys” we say, “Pharma will be Pharma.” Instead of listening to victims, we trivialize their experiences, accuse them of making up stories, paint them as crazy and tell them to shut up and go away. Instead of seeking justice for those who have been harmed, we join in with the bullies, laugh at them and try to drag them through the mud again. Instead of believing that no means no, we say “your no means nothing and we’ll have our way with you regardless of what you say.” Instead of respecting

personal space, we say “we’ll come at you because we’re bigger than you and we can take away your privileges to get you to do what we want you to do.” Is this REALLY the kind of country we want to live in?

If there is anything we’ve learned from the Me Too movement, it is that people in our society are not like they were 10 or 15 years ago. Times have changed. We’re no longer willing to look the other way when sexual predators in positions of power abuse that power by having their way with those who are weaker. In 10 to 15 years when more and more people realize that the documented side effects of the vaccines are in fact impacting many of our children (similar to what Thalidomide did to babies in the 50’s and 60’s), and it comes to light that legislators who knew about the side effects went ahead and steamrolled bills forcing vaccinations on everyone, including the most vulnerable members of our population, there is going to be a huge backlash. When this happens, do you want to be viewed as the Harvey Weinstein of the Mandated Vaccine Debacle? Choose the right side of history and stand for choice. Stand for freedom.

I’ve never written a letter to a Senator before, but I’ve also never felt so violated by a bill, so I need to speak up. Parents just want their children to be healthy. Some believe health comes from a needle. Others (who have family members with autoimmune issues and sensitivity to chemicals) do not. No drug is or ever will be one-size-fits-all. Those who want vaccinations should be able to get them. Those who do not should not be held down against their will by means of coercion, force or abuse of authority. America was founded on liberty and independence--not government coercion, domination, and control. Please vote NO on HB 3063. Please shut down medical tyranny and take a stand for medical freedom.

Sincerely,
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