

Dear,

I am a resident of Independence, Oregon. I am mother of two school aged children, who attend public school. I strongly oppose Bill 3063, which would eliminate non-medical vaccination exemptions for school children in Oregon.

This bill is not in keeping with our values as Oregonians. Parental choice in medical decisions is essential for a healthy society and healthy children. This bill is responding to media hysteria rather than common sense public health concerns.

The recent measles cases in WA and OR have been turned into a media hysteria. There has been one hospitalization and no deaths. There have been 11 documented deaths due to measles since 1999. This is not a national or state emergency needing excessive measures to prevent. We already have in place effective health measures to treat viral illnesses and to prevent deaths. Measles is a well known and understood childhood illness, with clear protocols for treating.

In comparison: There have been 26,000 children killed in gun violence in the USA since 1999 and 187,000 children have been exposed to school shootings since 1999. Gun violence is now the 3rd leading cause of death of children in the USA. This is a true emergency situation deserving of governmental study, intervention and preventative policy.

Approximately 40,000 children have died in car accidents since 1999. Accidents are the leading cause of death of children. This is a national emergency worthy of study, intervention and preventative policy.

1.5 million children are homeless today in the USA. This is a national emergency that needs to be addressed.

There are 11 million children who are refugees worldwide right now due to war, human rights abuses, environmental collapse and climate change. This is a global emergency and crisis that needs to be addressed.

Vaccination rates have not dropped in Oregon in the past 20 years.

Currently only 2.5% of Oregon school children are fully unvaccinated. 7.5% are reported but only 2.5% of those are unvaccinated. 5% are partially vaccinated or on alternate schedule

Yet the pharmaceutical companies that manufacture vaccines have 100% immunity from any injuries or deaths that occur due to their vaccines. In 2011 the Supreme Court ruled that pharmaceutical companies would have no liability for their products. The current vaccine schedule is not backed by rigorous, objective scientific review. 20,123 people have reported injury or death due to vaccines in the past 30 years and 17,576 cases have been resolved with 2 out of 3 claims receiving monetary compensation. \$4 billion has been paid to victims of vaccine injury and death by the US government. (This only takes into account official cases reporting vaccine injury and death. There may be thousands more that have gone unreported.)

**Parental choice is absolutely necessary in such a situation.**

There are many great concerns that we as parents, grandparents and citizens have for our children in society today.

There is great reason to be anxious, worried and to wish to take control of the situation.

Yet mandated vaccination is not going to keep our children safe from gun violence, from school shootings, from homelessness, from car accidents or from the effects of war and climate change. These are real concerns.

The real issue here is they are trying to strip our medical freedom, and rights as American citizens. What if was you, or your family? If there is something you strongly believe, or don't believe in. Wouldn't you want the freedom to choose, or would you rather be forced???? Even if you don't believe vaccinations is wrong, what about the freedom to choose? What is next if this passes? Will they begin to choose our religion, our politics, our rights as parents in all of the decisions we have to make, or what about **YOUR RIGHTS???**

What is next if they are allowed to pass this, will they just strip us of our rights entirely of everything!

Please really think about what this could mean for America, the nations, and the world in a whole. When does the government have the right to come in, and control? Isn't America about freedom, and not control? Wasn't America founded on FREEDOM??!!!

**Please DO NOT support this bill. Please maintain the integrity and respect for MEDICAL FREEDOM AND PARENTAL CHOICE IN OREGON by NOT SUPPORTING BILL 3063.**

Sincerely,

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