

Dear Reader,

My name is Ellis Kurzman, I am a fifteen-year-old student in Bend, Oregon. Earlier this year I enrolled in a program called Baker Early College (BEC) this program allows me to attend my local community college, COCC, where I am currently studying and obtaining my prerequisites for fire science, paramedicine, and possibly a fast-tracked law enforcement degree. If House Bill 3063 for the removal of all non-medical vaccine exemptions passes I would no longer be able to study these public service courses and would be set back at least 5 and a half years from obtaining my paramedicine degree. I am hoping that my testimony, as well as the testimonies of other students and parents who will be affected by this bill, will sway your decision to vote against House Bill 3063 and allow me to continue my education, so I, in turn, can change someone else's life.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story and I hope that you will consider all those affected before you make your decision.

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Ellis Kurzman

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