

To whom it may concern,

As a highly educated Oregon resident and mother of two I am extremely outraged by HB 3063. The idea that I as a parent would have no input as to what is injected into my child and when is an outrageous violation of my rights as a human and as a parent. I love this great state and have lived here all of my life. I was educated by Oregon Public Schools and obtained a degree from Oregon State University. Oregon is home. However, I will not remain in a state where my parental rights are stripped away.

I think it is important to share that I do vaccinate my children. I believe that the benefits outweigh the risks. I did make the decision, after a large amount of research, to delay my second child's vaccination schedule slightly. I believe that the resistance from so many parents comes from the fact that vaccines are not being made with the interest of our children in mind. They are profit focused and contain ingredients that are unsafe and unnecessary. Rather than forcing parents to give something to their child that they are hesitant to consent to, and rightfully so, maybe the fight should focus on making vaccines safer for all.

It is my right to make choices for my children. I choose their schools, where they may have sleepovers, the types of food they put into their bodies, the way they are taught to behave, and more, because that is my right. This is no different.

I appreciate your time. I am certain that in your position you come across large amounts of negativity. That is not my goal. I do believe however, that my rights as a parent are worth fighting for.

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