

Dear Committee,

My name is Rebekah Pritchett, I am fifteen years old and live in Medford, Oregon. I am a Christian and am strongly against this bill for a number of reasons. I urge you to oppose HB 3063.

1. Vaccinations can be a wonderful thing however they can also cause harm or even death. This bill will remove the right to an exemption for philosophical or religious reasons. This is in direct contradiction to the law of informed consent which states that a patient has the right to refuse any medical treatment they (or their legal guardian if they are a minor and the treatment is not required to immediately save the patient's life) choose.
2. Refusing an exemption for religious reasons is in direct contradiction of the first amendment of the United States constitution, which states that, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;"
3. The vaccine for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella is produced using tissue from murdered babies. If you pass this law it will require anyone who would like to go to school in the state of Oregon to inject tissue belonging to another murdered human into her body in an attempt to prevent diseases that are rarely seen in the US.
4. People who are in favor of legalized abortion commonly say, "My body, my choice," however, this bill contradicts that statement. This bill is an attempt to take the right to choose what is put into our bodies, and give that right to the government.
5. I understand the idea of herd immunization. I understand the idea of vaccinating most so we protect those who are immune compromised or unable to get vaccines. I believe that we have a duty to protect our neighbors. However, I do not believe that the government should force us to put our own lives at risk with a dangerous medical treatment, to protect others. That would be saying one life is more valuable than another, which is unconstitutional and Un-American.
6. If you pass this bill I will be forced to go out of state to go to college rather than participate in vaccines that contradict my morals, and the constitution and laws of this country.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank you,

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