March 1st 2018

RE: Opposition to HB3063 Vaccination for Education

Dear Representatives,

I oppose HB3063 because I believe:

It discriminates against families and their children based on vaccine status and would not allow them to attend childcare, public school, online public school or private school.

All children have the right to an education regardless of their vaccine status.

All families with children should have the right to choose where they will receive their education regardless of vaccine status.

Sadly some people may not have the financial income to provide alternate care or education other than public childcare and/or school. This bill would force people to go against their personal and/or religious beliefs in order to provide their children education and/or childcare.

It will negatively impact communities by forcing some families to have no other choice but to move out of Oregon to obtain education.

It should always be the right of parents to decide which medical procedures they want for their children, not the right of the state.

It takes the right for parents to choose which vaccines are best for their children by forcing all vaccines on the vaccine schedule in order to attend childcare and/or school.

The only exemption allowed would be a medical exemption. Many Families have expressed it is almost impossible to get one, even for children who suffer from acute or chronic health issues: Autoimmune diseases, gene mutations, family history and more. With Science still unsettled, it seems there is no definitive agreement of the safety of vaccines in these groups of people who are also being denied medical exemption so forced vaccination to receive education is wrong!

There are so many more points I could make why I oppose HB3063, but in short I hope you find my testimony and the many other families testimonies opposed to this bill enough to put this bill to rest and allow children the right to the education they deserve without the added life changing stress passing this bill will bring.

Please vote NO on HB3063.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hoyt, Oregon Resident, Registered Voter, Concerned Parent and Advocate for Informed Choice