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Subject: HB 3063

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## Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition of HB 3063. As a parent, it is my right and responsibility to make the best choices for my children. HB 3063 infringes on my right and gives authority to the state to determine my child's healthcare choices. In order to make medical decisions for someone under the age of 18, it is necessary to have legal guardianship or power of attorney. By mandating health choices for children, the state is usurping this right. The state is within its rights to step in and overrule a parent's role as the decision maker in a child's life when the parent has demonstrated his or her inability to care for a child. A well researched and thought out decision regarding controversial prevention methodologies does not rise to this level.

In addition, the state has determined that access to public education is a basic right and the state collects funds from taxpayers to pay for this right. If children of taxpayers will be excluded from this education based on a personal healthcare decision, the basic right to education remains. If you believe that the state has a responsibility to provide education to every child, the state must find a way to provide education to these children whether by means of vouchers or grants from the education budget to fund private schooling.

Legislating specific medical choices violates a very basic human right. An individual having a substance injected into their bloodstream, against their will, at the behest of the state, is a picture of a government that is willing to go too far. HB 3063 is too extreme for Oregon.

Sincerely,

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