House Committee Members,

I am in shock that this bill is being pushed along so quickly under the term "emergency". There is no emergency in Oregon that requires you to take away basic parental rights. This law would be discriminating against religious families who have a strict conviction against injecting their children with vaccines. Besides that, I have heard so many personal stories of pro-vaccine giving their kids immunizations on the recommended schedule and then seeing their child adversely affected before their very eyes. Not just in the short term. I'm talking immediate reactions that change how their child reacts for years to come. Unfortunately, many of these are blown off by doctors and never reported.

Regardless if you are pro-vaccine, or anti-vaccine, you should have the freedom to make that decision.

I understand many people are under the impression that it would be for the general good, but that stance is highly controversial, and the government simply doesn't have that right. The right of bodily autonomy is OUR right as American citizens. Taking that right and giving it to the government, for any excuse, is an incredibly dangerous decision.

We are citizens of America and residents of Oregon. You are our leaders, and I implore you to listen to your people and don't make this terrible decision!

Considerately, Elizabeth Stone