

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I could hardly believe my ears when I heard that this bill was even being seriously considered. I was shocked. Well, I have risen out my shock and now I must speak.

Our health care system is not a pretty picture and here in the middle of the mess we, Oregonians, want to make matters worse. We want to take away the rights of parents to protect their children. We want to force beliefs, medicine, and vaccines on other people. Gosh, that doesn't right, does it? Does it sound like the beloved American ideal of freedom? Does it sound like that passionate ring of toleration and diversity? No, instead it sounds like the boot crushing the ant. I can almost hear the squish of the ant's guts on the sidewalk and it doesn't sound like the liberal state I know and love.

Please stop and consider the harm that this House Bill is proposing. It is stripping parents of their rights and their freedoms. It will cause more harm than good. A parent knows their child much better than a doctor does. A parent is with their child on a daily basis loving them and caring for them. From the moment that child is a baby, the parent is worried and trying to make the best choices. So, the parent does the research and makes informed decisions. But oops the state says your decision doesn't matter OURS does. Does that sound right? Would you want some one hovering over you as a parent and telling you how to raise YOUR child? A suggestion is one thing and a command is another.

Please stop and consider the ramifications of taking away freedom of choice in parenthood. I know we don't all agree on immunizations but surely we shouldn't force everyone to give their children immunizations (which is what this bill will end up doing in the long run).

Please oppose House Bill 3063. This bill would remove the religious or philosophical exemptions for even one immunization. That isn't American and it isn't right.

A deeply concerned Oregonian parent,

Sincerely,

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