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I'm writing to let you know that I am opposed to HB3063.

I am opposed because I am the mother of a son who had an increasingly violent reaction to the Tdap shot as a baby.

This reaction was, I was told at first, within normal limits but at the high end of those normal ranges for potential side effects for children (a small swollen heated red rash, bouts of inconsolable crying, and sleeping way more than was typical for him over the course of 3 days—on the 4th day, almost as if by magic, he woke up, calm and alert, as if nothing had been wrong. The angry rash had calmed as well as his crying. We breathed a sigh of relief and figured we had just been over-worried first-timers) But by the next dose, we found that this was not an isolated incident, nor would it stay within normal ranges.

In the three days after the first administering of the shots, I had been concerned but still felt that I was doing what was right for my child. But by the second dose and the subsequent reaction that left my child sleeping as if he was heavily drugged for nearly a week and scream crying in pain, inconsolably, in the moments in which he was wakeful—I was so frightened for my child and for what might lie ahead for him. I spoke with my physician and with my naturopath, I was counseled by both that he should NOT receive that vaccination in the future as his body was having "extreme reactions," that were increasing in nature and all were concerned about what damage subsequent doses could do. Since then, we found my son also reactive HiB. At which point, we stopped vaccination and filed our exemption.

It is clear that for our child these vaccinations were/are dangerous (we have had other physicians echo the first two doctors sentiments since then as well). Removing these exemptions for families like ours leaves us in a situation where we have to choose between our child's education or his safety. And all without listening to the stories, evidence, and will of the people you serve here in Oregon.

I am opposed because our representatives fast-tracked a public hearing on HB3063 with this idea of removing all personal exemptions from childhood vaccinations (with no limits on new ones being added at any time). With only a few days notice to the public (and during record snowfall in the state) this appears to an attempt at a sneak vote behind the backs of Oregon voters and all because of 4 measles cases in Oregon??!!

I also oppose HB 3063 because mandatory mass medication is not only a very bad idea that should be unconstitutional but because it leaves us all a hair's breadth away from some dystopian future of a government enforced medicated population—which greatly disturbs me.

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