

Dear Oregon State Legislators,

I am reaching out as an Oregon citizen, father, grandfather and business owner. I strongly oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren and ultimately adult laws. I believe parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being coerced. Many Oregonians are opposed to this bill for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the true unvaccinated rate in Oregon is not 7.5% but 2.6%. These numbers of school vaccines include Hepatitis B, a sexually transmitted disease/needle sharing disease that many parents opt out of if the mother is Hep B negative. Parents who choose to vaccinate for everything else, but opt out of Hep B, are captured in the 7.5% exemption rate that seems to unnecessarily cause panic about declining vaccination rates in Oregon. Please understand that this year's measles outbreak nationwide so far is 159 cases but 2011 saw 220 cases, 2014 had 667 and last year there were 372 reported cases.

Medical freedom is at issue. I pride Oregon for the many freedoms we have here in this state, and freedom about what pharmaceutical made medicines are injected into our bodies and our children's bodies is essential and our constitutional right. Along with other freedoms, Oregon seemed to highly regard things like bodily autonomy and parental informed consent.

Since there are many reasons parents use exemptions from vaccinations, (perhaps their child has had a reaction to a vaccination that doesn't qualify for a medical exemption, and so they choose to no longer use that vaccine, even if they use others or perhaps they are using a spaced out or reduced schedule); This bill no longer allows for parents (who know their children) to make individualized decisions on each vaccine and treats medicine with a "one size fits all" attitude. We know this is not how medicine works. Parents who have valid concerns over the safety of these vaccines, and parents who have vaccine injured children will be discriminated against with this bill, and Oregon has cases of measles nearly every year with no media hysteria. Vaccines may have a place, but this unsubstantiated fear is not a reason to remove all exemptions especially religious ones.

The United States Government has paid out more than \$4 billion dollars to vaccine victims through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. Vaccines are a pharmaceutical made product that come with a list of side effects and carry undeniable risk. The Supreme Court has ruled vaccines are "unavoidably unsafe." The American Medical Association, in section 9.133 Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians of the AMA Code of Ethics, affirm the right to both religious and philosophical exceptions for themselves to decline vaccination.

To date, A "vaccinated vs. unvaccinated" study has never been conducted. No one has ever done a double-blind placebo controlled study on multiple-dose vaccines given multiple times.

My religious beliefs preclude and prohibit any absolutely unnecessary needles entering my body and specifically injecting anything into the bodies of myself or my extended family. As I understand the bill and the above information; I would have no other choice but to sell all my Oregon holdings and move to another state sympathetic to my religion. I moved here 8-9 years ago and brought my entire extended family. This would significantly impact the tax base with all of my extended family leaving. We moved to Oregon for it's liberal attitude on many subjects as California was increasingly dogmatic on the forcing of things like this bill. In addition, Oregon seemed to have the proper perspective on personal liberty. We are very distressed about the recent moves to enforce many dogmatic restrictions on personal liberty like this. If Oregon continues in this manner not only will it reduce significant taxes paid by our extended family but also your actions will lead to the same problems faced by California with it's shrinking tax

base as we will certainly tell our stories to many, many others who own small to medium sized businesses with which we socially network.

I must ask what kind of society compels it's citizens to have vaccinations which are arguably known to contain accelerants and impact their or their alive descendants nervous systems - I would argue not a free society. If your vote held you personally liable for the results of these vaccinations; I ask how then would you vote? If you were even the slightest bit concerned that you child would be adversely affected what would you do?

Please do not make me choose my religion or even my philosophy over living in Oregon.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter regarding our freedoms.

I hope you will oppose this bill and stand by freedoms as outlined in the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution including the bill of rights from which Oregon law was founded.

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