

Dear Committee Members,

I'd like to thank the committee members for the opportunity to share with you today. My name is Veronica Darling. I live in the Portland area. I moved here three years ago from California after I lost my right to choose what I believe is best for my family via SB277. I have seven children and three of them are foster children. If this bill passes and I am faced with coercion to vaccinate against my beliefs I will be forced once again to uproot my family and move to a state that values freedom, and I know that I am not alone.

What will this mean for Oregon? You will lose a loving foster home. The three children who are healing from trauma in my care will have to be moved to a different home as we flee. With the crisis of two few foster homes and too many foster children how can DHS afford this kind of loss? This legislation will have a direct impact on an already overburdened system.

Oregon will lose my tax dollars. It will lose the tax dollars of every family who leaves this state in pursuit of freedom. What is the total financial impact of this measure? When I leave, Oregon will have four fewer students in the classrooms. Add that to the number of student who will be forced to become homeschooled or who leave the state. How will that affect our educators and their families? The impact of this legislation is far reaching and profound.

Please oppose this And side with medical freedom, education for all, and with families rights to choose what is best for themselves.

Thank You,

Veronica Darling