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Representative Andrea Salinas and To All It May Concern on the House Health Care Committee,

I was unable to attend the hearing today because I am currently out of town, but I did tune in via the live link and want to share my thoughts regarding HB 3063. I already sent an email, but was hoping to provide testimony as well. I understood I had to do this through the website, but can't seem to figure out how to do this. I am out of state on vacation and have limited wifi. I hope this gets to you and is able to be counted as testimony. Thank you in advance.

My name is Petra Prostednik and I am a mother of four children who attend the public school system. I am a registered voter and business owner of a licensed health care facility in Salem, Oregon which has served over a 1000 families in the last decade.

First, I want to say that I am not "anti vaxx". I can respect why this bill came to the table and can see the intention being for the greater good and safety of our community. However, I believe this approach is far overreaching. I feel that this bill is poorly written and I have grave concerns regarding the dangerous slippery slope that can happen when we allow government to infringe on human rights and impose medical force on people. Even if one agrees 110% with the current vaccines on the market and the current schedule put forth by the CDC, this bill would also mandate any additional vaccines put out in the future (and who knows just how many more there will be and what they will be for). Will I (or you) always agree with EVERY single vaccine and it's schedule? Maybe. Maybe not.

I am respectfully urging you to please look at the full implications of HB 3063. Removing a child's right to their education is not for the greater good of our community. How is it reasonable that a child who is missing even just one dose of the Hep B series be barred from all public/private preschools and K-12 schools (including online schools!!!) while a child WITH ACTUAL HEP B would be allowed to attend school? This bill absolutely lacks common sense and is like trying to remove tonsils with a hatchet instead of a scalpel.

We absolutely need a more common sense solution. If we want more families to vaccinate we need to help them feel safe. Parents WANT their children to be safe. #1) Let's demand that the manufactures do proper studies and hold those same companies liable for bad outcomes. This will help all citizens be more safe. #2) Our herd immunity numbers are adequate, but if we want to increase them it will only be through education. HB 2783 would require parents to be face with their doctors to discuss each vaccine and the reasons one should consider vaccinating for it. I strongly believe (and have seen this in the practice that I own) that the key to change is through education and not force. Taking away the right to an education will only hurt us all. If you feel the need for a bill, please consider one that is far more balanced.

In closing, I would like to add that I am an immigrant. Thirty seven years ago my parents risked their lives by escaping a communist country so that I could live in a country based on a foundation of freedom. It is no longer a free country when our government takes away our rights over our bodies. The inability to

make an informed medical choice IS taking away the freedoms my parents risked there lives for. Please. I urge you to look for solution that will be supportive to ALL children. Let's not push more families to go underground as they attempt to protect their kids and add further damage to them and our community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

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