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House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony Regarding HB 3063

To House Committee on Health Care,

My name is Marisa Kozak Ringe, I live in Tigard, Oregon and I strongly object to HB 3063.

I was born and raised in Oregon, and as a baby, had a terrible reaction to the Pertussis vaccine. My uncontrollably high fever laid my little body limp for days, making my pediatrician and mother afraid for my life. Thankfully, I survived, but this led my pediatrician to recommend that I not receive any more immunizations until I was much older. When my sister was born, he recommended the same for her, suspecting that my reaction had a genetic component.

It is likely that my genetic predisposition for vaccine injury has been inherited by my children, who now face a little less than three times more doses of vaccines than I did as a child. But it's not just my kids who will be hurt by passing HB 3063.

Passing HB 3063 will also have a three-fold negative impact on the state, by depriving some children of a public education, removing hard working Oregonians from the work force to homeschool their children, and dropping the funding our schools receive.

Having already fled California to return home to Oregon where personal freedom has been respected thus far, I will not risk my children's well-being by vaccinating them. I'm a small business owner, and if Oregon no longer allows personal exemptions, I will likely close my business in order to protect my children by homeschooling.

Moreover, if we look at this as a risk/benefit analysis, taking my personal feelings aside, the suffering a bill like HB 3063 will cause is greater than the reward, for these important reasons:

1. The current measles outbreak is NOT an emergency
2. HB3063 mandates the entire CDC schedule, not just measles
3. Vaccines WILL harm a minority of the population
4. Mandating vaccines does not protect "immunocompromised individuals" nor will it stop outbreaks

Let me explain the above bullets more fully, with scientific studies, CDC information, and well-sourced information. **NOTE: ALL citations are included at the end.**

- 1) We are NOT IN AN EMERGENCY, rather a media frenzy.
 - a. The last death from measles CONFIRMED by the CDC was in 2015. Counting this one, there **have only been 3 confirmed deaths in the last 15 years.** (1)
 - b. For reference: 318 people DIED IN FATAL CAR CRASHES in Oregon in 2018 alone. (2)
 - c. Only 2.6% of Oregon students in K-12 are 100% UNVACCINATED. Most children who have exemptions have had SOME vaccines. (3)
 - d. There have been NO outbreaks in ANY Portland schools. Our children are safe.

- 2) More than Measles: HB 3063 mandates the entire CDC schedule, which includes vaccines against many diseases that **are unnecessary, and dangerous** to vaccinate against. Below are some examples:
 - a. HPV – The HPV vaccine is for a sexually transmitted disease. Just as we must be free to choose to have sex, we must be free to choose this vaccine. Furthermore, the **vaccine can be dangerous.**
 - i. Shortly after the vaccine was licensed, several reports of recipients experiencing primary ovarian failure emerged. A new study shows that women who were vaccinated with HPV were less likely to have ever been pregnant. (4).
 - b. HEP B – Hepatitis B is commonly transmitted via NEEDLE, BLOOD OR SEX (5). And yet CDC requires it on Day 1 of birth, even to mothers who do not carry the virus. This is completely **unnecessary.**
 - c. CHICKEN POX -- England doesn't vaccinate against varicella because it is a mild childhood illness, and vaccinating the children is thought to put adults and the elderly at greater risk.(6) **This vaccine may be dangerous and unnecessary.**

- 3) Vaccine Injury is Real: The CDC schedule will HARM A MINORITY who WILL have unintended side effects from vaccination.
 - a. Adverse reactions DO happen, and they are linked to genetics.
 - i. "Adverse reactions to vaccines may be in part "genetically predetermined." says **Dr. Gregory Poland, head of the Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group.** "The current science doesn't allow for an informed understanding of an individual's genetically determined risk for an adverse event due to a vaccine."" (7).
 - b. So far, VAERS has paid out almost **4 billion dollars** to vaccine damaged families to date. (8) But how can we put a price on this suffering?
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- c. Only 5% of kids need the second MMR shot.
 - i. DID YOU KNOW: New Jersey has implemented a titer law, called Holly's Law, so that those 95% of children that don't need a second dose of MMR (which is on the CDC schedule) may be exempt after showing titers for measles. The law was created because **Holly died** of encephalopathy which started 7 days following her second dose of the MMR vaccine. (9)
 - ii. NOTE: There is NOTHING in your bill that allows for titers to be offered as proof of immunity.

While those who have a genetic predisposition to react negatively to vaccines are a small minority, **THEY DESERVE TO BE PROTECTED**. Removing the freedom of personal exemptions without a way to identify and medically exempt kids who are at risk is extremely unethical.

- 4) It will not protect "immunocompromised children" against these outbreaks because the outbreaks will continue to occur *(in the vaccinated). There is a history of this.
 - a. MEASLES: From the Journal of Clinical Microbiology: "During the measles outbreak in California in 2015, a large number of suspected cases occurred in recent vaccinees. **Of the 194 measles virus sequences obtained in the United States in 2015, 73 were identified as vaccine sequences.** (10)
 - b. MUMPS: From Washington State Health Department: WA state had 890+ cases of mumps in 2017 – **87%** of those with known vaccine status where **confirmed up to date** on both doses of vaccine. (11)
 - c. WHOOPING COUGH – as published in the Oxford University Press on behalf of The Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society – Whooping Cough outbreaks will likely get WORSE the more we vaccinate.
 - i. *"Because of linked-epitope suppression, all children who were primed by DTaP vaccines will be more susceptible to pertussis throughout their lifetimes, and there is no easy way to decrease this increased lifetime susceptibility."*(12)
 - ii. *NOT: The whooping cough outbreak in CA 2019: All students at Harvard Westlake who contracted Pertussis had been vaccinated (13).*

While trying to prevent outbreaks is a noble cause, mandating the entire CDC schedule is both unwise, unnecessary, and unethical. It puts one minority group of children at greater risk for vaccine damage, while seeking to protect another minority of immunocompromised children with misguided efforts, all while violating American values.

Physician and signer of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Rush, had an uncanny foresight when he said:

“Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship to restrict the art of healing to one class of Men and deny equal privileges to others; the Constitution of the Republic should make a Special privilege for medical freedoms as well as religious freedom.”

Having been raised in Oregon, I learned that freedom is not just an American value, but it is also, and maybe more importantly, integral to the very fabric of Oregon’s identity. I hope that you vote NO on HB 3063, and protect this personal freedom that is so important to us all.

Sincerely
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