

To whom it may concern:

Regarding Oregon Bill HB3063: vaccines

I am unable to be there in person to express my concern over this proposed bill, please accept my letter just as intentionally and heartfelt.

I am adamantly opposed and my decision is two pronged, first as a mother ( 2 incredible girls ages 6 and 8) and second as a citizen of our beloved democracy. The bill is too broad and includes all vaccines under one umbrella. But their risks and the disease risk potential are all different. Each one has variables. I cannot support something that doesn't have clear and defined boundaries :who decides what is a medical exemption? What specific vaccines are required? Does it include future added to schedule vaccines and who decides that? Is there a clear due process for requesting a hearing for individual cases? What amount of mounting evidence justifies pulling a vaccine from the schedule? They need to come back to the table with something clear and allow room for further discussion and individual rights.

As a mother:

My precious Ava (6) has cerebral palsy. We have selectively vaccinated and have moved forward cautiously (considering each vaccine, its components, the timing, and her individual exposure risk to the actual diseases covered). She was reactive to the small few that she has received, high fever, pain at site for several days, initially going into painful fits, losing some eye contact and adapting a new mild stimming behavior called "flapping". I understand these may be due to many different factors, including vaccine reaction. I am not unreasonable or "crazy" or "Anti-VAX". I'm aware, the timing of her development expectations and her CP are part of the whole. But her vaccine reactions and change were not simply coincidence and give me enough doubt to believe there is a greater risk present for her specifically to have adverse reactions and have led me further down the path of educating my choices for her. But because she is complicated, narrowing down her symptoms and why is difficult and may not qualify her for medical exemption. Many parents have tragically watched their child be injured by vaccines. Why not get to the bottom of "why them" so we can proceed with truly safe vaccines for those that have been vetted to have a safer response? I have contemplated most recently the MMR. However based on Ava's previous reactions to just a few select vaccines and the available vaccine inserts warning specific to those with cerebral palsy, I have decided it is not a fair risk to expose her to. She is already at risk for developing seizures because of her CP and has stimming behaviors/sensorial processing that will potentially compound with further neurological damage. I don't know that under this new bill she would qualify for medical exemption and I am in absolute terror that her particular circumstances, genetic make up, environment and history will not be considered and she will simply fall into a blanket mandate without those considerations. It is not something that can be undone and pulled back out of her should her body respond in negative ways. Who do I call if the very real, listed side effect like seizures start happening in my little girl after this onslaught of make up vaccines she'd have to endure? Vaccine producers are protected and not held to the same legal standards as other medical treatments due to the vaccine act in 1986. What about my child? Where is her protection? I plead with you, do not remove this choice from me, as her advocate and personal expert on HER. I want the

freedom to continue to make informed medical paths for both my children and not be coerced and shoved into such a personal and important decision. The Nuremberg Code requires the voluntary consent of the human subject. As terrible as this may sound, I feel absolutely VIOLATED by this proposal.

As a citizen:

The idea that my own body, or my children's bodies be precided over by my government and I can be mandated to partake in a medical procedure is a gross and blatant violation of my rights as a human. To manadate a medical procedure and it's inevitable risks against my desire to do so is unaccapetable. Even though it is targeted to school children only (for now), this violation of personal rights needs to stop before it begins to avoid precedence for other loss of freedoms. We have a right to INFORMED CONSENT. Vaccinating is not the only choice we make in the care of our children that impacts them and those around them: Properly strapping them into car seats, breast feeding, limiting sugar/eating healthy, monitoring electronics and guiding them in the treatment of others. Parents are making everyday vital and impactful decisions on raising healthy, kind and capable citizens for our future world. Are all of those decisons up for scrutiny and government imposed law? It is a slippery slope. Also, you are limiting access to education based on personal beliefs/religion and potential medical reasons.

One person's allergy to eggs could kill them, while another could healthily enjoy them for breakfast every day. Each human body is different and so to ignore those differences and not measure out individual choice that best fits their unique genetics, enviroiment, risk factors,sensitivities and so forth is incredulous. The Hep B vaccine, like others, states that someone with allergies to it's ingredients should not recieve it. It's given at bith, at the hospital? How do we know if that new person has any allergies? Medical and health advice/opinions that were supposed absolutes have changed over the years regarding many topics like diet, treatments and enviroment hazards. Many current nurses, immunologists, and doctors have valid professional arguments for vaccine safety that cannot be ignored. As our capabilities and knowledge expand, it is possible there is more to learn about vaccines and their long term effects. Why can't we continue the discussion? In the end, the pursuit for safety may be the very thing that saves and promotes quality of life for more children. Please allow room for that to continue.

There are philsopical and religious reasons for exemptions and they should be continued, beyond whether you agree or disagree with the the varying professional/medical views. It is a pursecution to remove those options. Those that do not or selectively vaccinate are the minority and should have their personal rights protected with these exemptions. These exemptions make room for those whose medical diagnosis may not be secure/known or approved at this time as an exception.

As an educated and aware individual, I cannot ignore that pharmaceutical companies have biased and compromised reasons for putting out their product and endorsing it. Vaccines are a product. They produce income. To force me to not only purchase a product, but INJECT that product into my or my child's body is beyond what I can accept as a citizen of this state.

Those that are opposed are passionate and put more time, resources and focused energy into this specific reasearch than the average person. They are motivated by the heart breaking truth that a child

has been hurt, their need to understand why and then how to help them. Please. Say NO on HB 3063.

Please stop this bill.

With great appreciation,

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