

Hello, my name is Haley and along with my husband and 2 young girls, reside in Salem, Oregon. I am taking the time to write to you today in regards to HB 3063 which aims to eliminate non-medical vaccination exemptions for school children in Oregon. I strongly oppose this bill and urge you to consider the following reasons why.

First off, this bill is supposedly for the good of the people. Then why in the 80 people I messaged about this bill the other night, had only 2 of them even heard of the bill. Was this bill fast tracked as an “emergency” for the good of the people or was it fast tracked in hopes you could sneak it in under the radar. If it were truly for the good of the people, then more people would have at least have heard of the bill. In fact, within the large group of people I talked with about this bill, there were pro-vaxxers, anti-vaxxers and ex-vaxxers. Want to know the common denominator in all 3 of those groups? They were all against this bill. Claiming it “went to far” and that even though they believed in vaccines, that they still wanted the right to choose.

I believe that the choice of if, when and how a child is to be vaccinated needs to remain between a family and their doctor. Vaccines have known and documented side effects that, as can be seen on the vaccine inserts themselves, include permanent injury and death. Where there is a risk of injury or death, no matter how small the perceived risk may be, there MUST be a choice. I firmly believe that as parents, we should retain our rights to refuse vaccinations without being mandated and coerced. If vaccines were safe and effective for every person, then we shouldn't have to be coerced into getting them.

Vaccines are not one size fits all. Not every vaccine is safe for every child. While I do realize that not every child/person who gets a vaccine, reacts badly, you cannot guarantee that every child that receives a vaccination will not have an adverse reaction. My own daughter had seizures following vaccinations. And while some have told me that correlation does not equal causation... after COUNTLESS hours of research, I stand behind my belief that the vaccines were the cause. Seizures are in fact listed on vaccine inserts as side effects. And at what point DOES correlation equal causation? Is the \$4 billion that has been paid out by the U.S. National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program for injuries and deaths caused by vaccines not enough? I return to my statement that not every vaccine is safe for every child. Yet this bill would mandate children into getting them in order to receive a public or private education.

Furthermore, if vaccines were safe for everyone, then pharmaceutical companies should be held liable for their products. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 removed any liability from the manufacturers. This bill would mandate a product that cannot be held accountable should an adverse reaction or death occur from use of

their product. How is this not alarming? The amount of vaccines “recommended” on the CDC schedule has risen from 3 doses given in 1962 to 72 does “recommended” in 2018. And new ones are constantly being introduced with little to no safety testing done! What kind of testing is being done on the adjunct affects of all these new vaccines being added to the schedule? I can assure you they aren’t being done. Since the manufacturer isn’t liable, who’s stopping them from adding whatever vaccines they deem necessary? And who are they necessary for? Is it really for the good of humanity or is it good for their pocket books?

I’d also like to address the fact that if this bill is approved, the general public will still have just as much interaction with unvaccinated children in public parks, libraries, retail stores, restaurants, sports gatherings, etc. So this bill would only harm children by removing their access to an education because of their vaccination status. Will there be another bill passed to keep unvaccinated children out of libraries? Parks? Restaurants? When does it end?

Sadly, this bill is responding to a media hype rather than common sense public health concerns. There is no emergency in Oregon. The recent measles cases in WA and OR have been turned into a media hysteria. Less than 60 people of some 7.4 million in Washington were diagnosed. It was a very small, isolated group, in a defined geographic neighborhood. According to the Oregon Health Authority website, Oregon has had four confirmed cases of measles, which were contained because the individuals stayed home and posed no risk of new public exposures. Also, none of the exposure locations were schools. To raise the panic alarm and declare “emergency” for four people of some 4.1 million in Oregon is absurd. It’s not a national or state emergency needing excessive measures to prevent. Not one death in any of these cases occurred.

On the other hand; consider the number of kids who die in car accidents because of drunk drivers, the amount of children that are hungry and homeless, the children that are affected by child abuse, the toxins listed as safe vaccine ingredients, or the fact that these pharmaceutical companies are not held liable for failure of their products! Those are all crisis and emergencies that need to be addressed. These are all things our lawmakers should be working on. Not trying to take away education rights to the miniscule 2.7% of schoolchildren in Oregon that have exemptions.

In conclusion, I will leave you with some scenarios for consideration. Will teachers and all volunteering parents have to make sure they are also up to date and show proof as well as students? Who will help pay the bills for families who cannot get a medical

exemption and will have to go down to one income? Where are people going to worship if they cannot go to church since their church has a preschool or daycare there? What will you say to the parents of students who are vaccinated when they suffer due to funding cuts when attendance drops?

I hope you realize how unnecessarily foolish it is to allow HB 3063 to pass. If this bill passes, you will not only be mandating a liability free product, but you would be forcing unwanted and unwarranted medical procedures on children. You would be taking away constitutional rights for a free, public education. Religious and philosophical exemptions are a right that we are NOT willing to give up.

Thank you for your time.

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