

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Morgan Strong. I, along with my husband and 2 beautiful children currently reside in Woodburn, Oregon. I am writing in regards to the new HB3063 that is being fast tracked as an emergency. To say that I am a concerned parent in opposition of this bill is an understatement. Not only have I lost hours of sleep, shed many tears, etc. I've also spent hours sending messages to people so they are aware of what is happening. The amount of people that have heard of the bill is minute which is the first of many problems with this bill. How is it for the 'good of the people', when said people don't even know about it. I have friends and family all over the board. Republicans and democrats, gay and straight, religious and atheist, pro vaxx, anti vaxx, ex vaxx; doctors, lawyers, stay at home moms, teachers, you get the point. Regardless of our differences, what we ALL have in common is the right to CHOOSE. Not only what we eat and drink per our dietary needs and allergies, we also get to CHOOSE what medications, vaccine or not, that gets injected into our own and our children's bodies. And there it should stay, a choice not something we are forced into if we want our children to get an education, which is another right we have and must keep. We get to CHOOSE what school we want our kids to attend (within reason and districts of course) whether that be public, private, charter or homeschooling. We make these decisions taking in to consideration our knowledge as their parent. I am not an "uneducated, naïve nut" and should not be accused of being as much from anyone just because I am not 100% pro vaccination. I do in fact have my Bachelors of Science from Portland State University, majoring in Public and Community Health. I do not use 'Dr. Google' to make any medical decisions for me or my children. What I will say is I have dove into so many rabbit holes in search of the truth I could not count them if I tried. I have spent COUNTLESS hours researching before making any decisions regarding what, if any vaccinations are or were right for my children and I will continue to do so, because that is my duty as a parent.

While I clearly know not all children react to all vaccines negatively, the same can be said for the other side. Not every vaccines is SAFE for every child as well. So how can, as a whole, you say that there's no choice. That you MUST put them (vaccines) all into your child/ren regardless of what you think, feel, know and believe is best. Regardless of whether any of them, even 1 single vaccine goes against your religious beliefs such as the presence of aborted fetus cells, bovine (cells from the cows pituitary gland, info is found right on the CDC website under vaccine ingredient lists), to name a few. Where there is risk, there must be a choice.

I'd also like to point out the economic impact this would have on our beautiful state. It's a fact that we inherited several Californians after they had a similar bill pass not long ago, people that refuse to give up the right to choose. This was good for the state of Oregon. More homes sold, more job positions filled, more kids in school which equals more money for our schools, more taxable income and property taxes being paid to help the state, etc. Now let's say this law passes here. What is to keep these same people from moving again, taking away all these 'perks' that help the state of Oregon. Then let's add the THOUSANDS of Oregon families that would have to uproot and move to a state without these vaccine mandates. All that public and school funding gone, all because we choose to be different than the majority; sounds like discrimination. Oregon will experience a raised unemployment rate because of all these families leaving. All the tax dollars both income and property, gone. And for what? Who is this bill helping and protecting other than the pharmaceutical companies that will make even MORE money without any liability. There's an old movie saying, "If you build it they will come". In this case I think it's fair to say, 'If you mandate, they will leave'. And while we, as a family do not want to leave this beautiful state we've called home for over 30 years, we will be forced to do so if this bill passes.

Furthermore, we are known as the 'home of the free'. We, as a people, have a constitutional right to get a free, public education. And yet this is being threatened because of the media hysteria over 4 cases of the measles in our state. Four people that had to stay home for a week, maybe 2 with a fever and a rash. How many kids stayed home for a rash or a fever that had NOTHING to do with the measles? How many kids go home hungry each and every day? Home many kids have no home to go home to? How many kids are beaten and taken advantage of? THESE are what we should be worried about. Why can we not put the same effort and 'state of emergency' efforts into feeding every child in Oregon?! Now THAT is something we can all get behind.

Its also important for me to point out, I am not 'anti' vax, as people like to call it so freely. I believe each person should be able to do their own research and decide whats best for them and their family. I am however ANTI anyone making medical decisions for my child without my say. I am ANTI pharmaceutical companies having no repercussions to their 'safe and effective' products. I am ANTI forcing anyone, no matter the circumstances to receive a medication or procedure that states possible side effects as harmful and serious as death without having a choice. I am ANTI adding whatever 'they' want to the vaccine schedule without warning, again forcing parents to inject 'or else'. Education should never be a bargaining chip or rather, held for ransom. According to information that is easily found on the CDC website and many others, the amount of vaccines has risen over 414% since they were first introduced, the majority of this leap being after the law passed giving immunity to the companies that produce the vaccines. Is this not interesting and alarming? How many more will be added in the years to come? How much research is done on these before they are added to the schedule? At what point do we say, enough is enough. They, like all of us should be held liable for their actions that harm others.

In conclusion, not only will children be kept from the education they deserve, they will be kept out of sports and athletics. Theatre, music and the arts. Church as well if in fact their church has a daycare or preschool, or is in fact held in a school gymnasium for example, like ours is. How is any of this 'for the good of the people'? Who are we protecting? Who is going to give my child the same opportunities for sports scholarships if they cannot be a part of the teams. Who is going to loose out on a full ride to Julliard, because they were not aloud to attend and be a part of the wonderful programs the schools have to offer?

Kids as young as elementary age are now able to CHOOSE what gender they identify with. But this bill wants to take away the ability to choose what we put into our kids bodies?! Hold up and process that.

As a constituent of this beautiful state, I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinions and concerns. I hope every aspect of this bill gets thought through and the vote will inevitably be NO, as it is not in fact for 'the good of the people'.

Thank you,
Morgan Strong