

Dear Health Committee,

IF I WERE A LEGISLATOR

If I were a legislator and saw in front of me a bill that was very controversial, that would remove parental rights to decide what was or was not injected into their children, and pretended to give them choice, though not really because only one choice is allowed or their children will be denied a fair and appropriate education...well what would I feel I needed to know before making such a draconian decision.

HAVE I TRULY HEARD BOTH SIDES

Yes, I would want to hear from both sides no matter how much I thought I already knew about the issue or the facts. Removing parental rights is a drastic and potentially dangerous path to head down, so I better not get this wrong. I would ask to speak to physicians, nurses, teachers, journalists, and parents that could present a different view from the one I have heard. I would want to know exactly why parents have opted out of some or all vaccines, instead of depending on the opinions of others or the media. I think you are hearing from those parents, as well as physicians, nurses, and other professionals that strongly believe you may have this entire issue, completely wrong.

AM I HEARING THE TRUTH OR INDUSTRY TALKING POINTS?

Vaccines are safe and effective. The Science is settled. Well either that is not completely true, or you have to believe hundreds of thousands of intelligent and educated parents are just liars! Let's say you take your infant in to be vaccinated, they fall limp in your arms and are rushed to the ER, they fight for their very life, and eventually you get to take them home, but the child you took in to be vaccinated is gone, and what is now your new permanent reality, is a disabled child. A child for which you will care for the rest of their life, well your life and then who knows what will happen to those children left behind in the greatest numbers we have ever seen in American history. The new generation of disabled kids, sick kids, kids unable to regulate themselves, kids for whom we have drug cubbies in our schools to hold all the inhalers, epi pens, insulin, pain pills and narcotics, anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, and neuroleptic drugs that seemed to be handed out like candy to our children. I am trying to figure out what exactly you are protecting, because it certainly is not the Gold Standard of Children's Health in this country. If you want to mandate vaccines, you have to show me the healthy children that have resulted for this exploding number of vaccines in the last 2 decades. You cannot do that. In fact you have to ignore the exploding rates of disease and disability in our children. You have to ignore that at the same time the vaccine schedule exploded, so did our sick children. Ignore that 6 children in the entire state known to have autism has turned into 10,000. If you believe that we just missed 10,000 severely disabled children in past decades....well then I have some mythical unicorn children to sell you!

GREENLICK'S MYTHICAL UNICORN CHILDREN!

OK, let's talk about the children Greenlick claims to be protecting with this legislation. The immune-compromised that cannot be vaccinated.....the elderly.....and babies too young to be vaccinated yet.

- 1) The immunocompromised children are mostly our children. We have to exempt our children with any means at our disposal because we cannot get a medical exemption. In today's rabid pro-vaccine zealotry, all caution once exercised has been thrown to the winds. Really, in Oregon

to get a medical exemption your kid has to be dead or already severely damaged. It's like drowning witches...if you drown, you weren't really a witch...but you are dead anyway. My Aunt's child is immunocompromised, thanks to vaccines, and her child was sickened in school on a monthly basis because everyone sends their sick kids to school. Kids would be so sick they would lay on chairs or the floor, infecting my niece, who would get so sick it would become life threatening....sometimes up to 10 times a year. It was never ever vaccine preventable diseases they worried about but the everyday colds, upper and lower respiratory infections, and other common ailments. So my healthy, but simply unvaccinated child is a threat, but parents sending their sick kids to school are fine and certainly no threat to the immunocompromised at all? Wink Wink.

The CDC says to vaccinate kids with cancer, every single vaccine, except MMR and Varicella as these are live vaccines. But one year after chemo stops, they get those too. When a child is in the worst of the treatment, they wear a mask in their own home and go nowhere. They are not even in school because of those same kids that sickened my niece. The CDC says to vaccinate children with AIDS and other immune system illnesses with every vaccine on the schedule. They say to vaccinate kids who have had a transplant with even stronger vaccines to combat the anti-rejection drugs. In fact, they will not even perform a transplant unless a child is given every single vaccine on the schedule, even optional ones, and they will vaccinate a child within days of dying with no care or concern at all. Who are these kids that CAN'T be vaccinated when we are vaccinating the sickest kids in our nation, even those dying?

- 2) The Elderly. Guess what, they had measles, mumps, chicken pox, rubella, whooping cough and got the bonus prize.....immunity for life. They are the only ones actually playing a real part in herd immunity because we can count on that immunity. The elderly do not need to be protected from childhood diseases, or at least not yet. Once everyone 55 and over is gone, then it will be a different story because no one will have lifelong immunity any more, thanks to vaccines.
- 3) Babies too young to be Vaccinated? Well, I almost have to laugh at this one because again, in this day and age there is no such thing as too young to be vaccinated. We are now vaccinating babies in the womb, despite never testing how that might go. We vaccinate babies on the day of birth with a vaccine for a sexually or blood transmitted disease. We give babies up to 8 vaccines at once at their 2, 4, and 6 month appointments. In fact most 6 month old babies today, have had more vaccines than any American 35 years of age or older.

When my Father was little, he and his two brothers caught the Measles. My Grandmother talked to their doctor because their little sister, my Aunt, was only 6 months old. The doctor laughed and told her that the baby would be fine, would not catch the measles, because she was protected by Mom's antibodies from gestation and breast milk, and he was right, she was protected. So why on earth would a Mother of a 2 month old child feel they were a captive in their home and unable to go into public? Well, it certainly is NOT because of the unvaccinated, but instead thanks to vaccines themselves, which have stolen Mother's ability to pass immunity to their babies and protect them until they are old enough to withstand the disease. You know, the way nature intended. A vaccinated mother, that never had the wild disease can only pass a small amount of immunity to baby and it doesn't last very long at all. So you want to ask

Mothers to risk the health of their children to protect babies who are only vulnerable, thanks to vaccines. Have I got that right?

WHY I DON'T VACCINATE...STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH! (Pssst the experts are wrong)

I truly want you to understand why I do not vaccinate, and will not vaccinate under any circumstances. One of my Uncles and my Aunt were both severely injured by vaccines in the military and both reactions were life and death. This was before rabid pro-vaccine zealotry and hence they wrote in their military files...."Never vaccinate this person again, under any circumstances." Today, I think they would just go ahead and kill them with vaccines rather than risk admitting it was actually a vaccine reaction!

Despite this reaction, my Aunt was assured by her doctor that this had no bearing on her child and encouraged her to vaccinate her child. That was a huge mistake and my Aunt will be caring for her daughter until the day she dies and then the rest of us will step up and take over the care of her disabled daughter. My only other Aunt buried her daughter at only 15 months old. We have many immune system illnesses in my family including diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and several cases of cancer, including my own father who passed away when I was only 20 years old. He never got to see my babies...his Grandchildren. We have seen and experienced enough damage and despair, permanent disability, and death that we are no longer willing to participate in this game. In our family, the risk is too great. My fear of the vaccines is 1000x greater than the illnesses for which they are designed.

- But in Oregon I cannot get a Medical exemption for my two children because they have not been injured or killed...yet.
- I have also been told my child would not just have to risk injury or death with 'necessary' vaccines but in Oregon would have to receive multiple doses of vaccines that were simply missed when we did not vaccinate, even though the CDC says they are not necessary to be caught up. What is Oregon still in the Middle Ages? Do Oregon doctors even know what the rules are, the law, or the CDC recommendations for catch-up? My guess is every doctor will tell me something completely different....you know all sciencey and that!
- And sorry, but I refuse to burn my child to keep yours warm. We have sacrificed enough, we are done and if this bill passes we are ready, as a large extended family to find a new home state, and take our children, our education, and our businesses with us. You better start your own version of a border wall and barbed wire because there will be a mass exodus from this state if this bill passes. It will be quiet and hardly seen as they will come from every corner of the state. But the financial ramifications will be huge.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I simply find it shocking that in 2019 we are even discussing forced medical procedures on children and real human beings, fellow Americans, and fellow Oregonians are actually promoting it and think this is a fine idea.

I find it shocking that you can go after 2.6% of unvaccinated children while ignoring the much larger number of those who have received vaccines but never developed immunity. The CDC says 5 to 15%, depending on the individual and/or the vaccine. Why no titer testing to protect the mythical unicorn children in this case? So 2.6 is a state emergency but 5 to 15% is just fine with you. Why does the bill not go after teachers, administrators, school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance staff, office

staff and teacher's aides? In most schools these adults make up 20% of the population of a school. Well my guess is you don't want to tick off the teachers Union who would come down on this hard. But it's a little disingenuous to speak of protecting the mythical unicorn children if you are willing to ignore the 20% of adults and the 5 to 15% of non-responders. What would that leave in your much hyped "herd immunity" in a school? At best maybe 75%, and possibly much lower?

I think the only just thing to do here is to kill this bill and for you as legislators to demand the real numbers, the real science, and the real stories. You are being lied to and many of you turn a blind eye and refuse to even hear the other side.

In the meantime I will protect my children in any way I can. It is obvious to me that no one else is going to do so, not even those elected to do just that.

Oh and you were smart to keep "-13" on the down low...ssshhhh. Because that alone would turn our tens of thousands of resistors into a million plus. Don't want to wake that sleeping Tiger now do you?

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