

IN SUPPORT OF HB 3063  
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I write this in support of HB 3063.

When I was a young child, vaccines for measles and other diseases were just beginning to be used. Most of us were not vaccinated.

I came down with the measles and was very ill. My mother told me later in my life how concerned she was about me. I remember having to stay out of school, being very uncomfortable and having to stay in a room with the shutters closed for weeks.

It was also the case that once measles began in my school, it spread very quickly and most of my classmates came down it. I remember that some of the teachers got measles as well, including one teacher who became very ill. I don't remember what happened to him but I know from my mother that it was a very serious case of measles.

I don't want to see anyone, young or old, go through measles. If anyone saw another person with measles or experienced how quickly and thoroughly measles spread once one person contracted it, they would want everyone receive the protection of the measles vaccine.

My grandson and granddaughter have thankfully been vaccinated. It gives me great peace of mind to know they won't have to go through being sick with the measles as I and many others have.

Thank you.

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