

To Representatives on the House Health Care Committee:

My name is Havilah Brodhead. I am family nurse practitioner and own my own practice. About 50% of my patients are pediatric patients.

I live in Bend OR, which has the 4th highest vaccine-exemption status in Oregon, to my understanding.

We also recently had a positive measles case in Bend. I struggle daily to work with my patients to understand vaccines, but despite my efforts, an alarming number of them (about 70% either don't vaccinate at all or are on a delayed vaccine schedule).

If I decline to provide an exemption for them, they go to another provider in town who is well-known in the anti-vaccine community for liberally giving out exemption letters.

Most of them however, don't even bother and just opt to "watch the movie" instead of speak with a medical provider if they know they don't want vaccines.

This is putting our entire population at risk, and parents are not even required to speak with a medical professional to earn this vaccine exemption.

I urge you to support HB 3063 which seeks to remove the non-medical vaccine exemption from Oregon law.

Please support HB 3063.

Thank you,  
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