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I am resubmitting my testimony for a third time because I still do not see it on the list of submitted entries. Thank you for listening to my voice.

Dear Oregon Representatives,

I am a 3rd generation Oregonian and a mom of 3 children. We are so proud to call this beautiful state home! My oldest daughter attends school within the Oregon Public School system. She also is a cancer survivor. I know all too well the pains, trials, and uncertainties that a chronic illness can bring. It has changed every aspect of our lives.

While I am forever grateful for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, and the medical staff that worked so hard to save my daughter's life. I am writing you today to share my concern over HB3063.

First off, please know we believe in vaccines and the disease prevention they are supposed to offer. I am vaccinating all my children, at a slow, safe schedule that allows me and their medical care providers to monitor their side effects for each individual child and to administer them at a rate that we are all comfortable with. My cancer survivor has needle trauma, as you can imagine. Her body has endured a lot. All of her medical providers believe slowing down the toxic overload into her body post chemo is the right thing to do for her long-term health. Honestly, I have not personally seen any drastic side effects in my children from the vaccines they have received, but I cannot deny the negative consequences they have had on other children. No one can deny this reality. Vaccines have known risks, just like any other medical procedure.

I am a parent of a child that was undergoing mandatory chemotherapy at the age of 3 and 4. Even though her cancer had an 80% chance of total cure with surgery alone, we had no choice but to undergo Chemotherapy. I watched those drugs take away the daughter I knew, something even the tumor had not done. **During that time she was immunocompromised and simply catching the chicken pox would have hospitalized her and her life would have been threatened. But in NO WAY would I ever want to mandate another parent to vaccinate their child without knowing all the risks involved, just to "potentially" help protect my sick child. Parents should have the right to decide - with the help of medical professionals - if they want their child to undergo a medical procedure or have a drug injected in their body.** Please do not make medical procedures mandatory for all. We signed a consent form for every single life-saving procedure my daughter had at Doernbecher. Some of those risks were scary, including death. But after we were educated, given all the information, including all the potential risks, we were able to sign our consent to take on the risks for the better good of our daughter.

Don't you think that Informed Consent "permission granted in the knowledge of the possible consequences, typically that which is given by a patient to a doctor for treatment with FULL KNOWLEDGE of the possible risks and benefits" is probably a right that should remain with the parent?

Mandating something that has not been through the proper safety studies and that no one is held liable for is not a good idea, and it goes against everything I believe America stands for. The double blind placebo study is done on EVERY pharmaceutical in America and is the Gold Standard for science- But for

childhood vaccines- THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE? And in 1986 Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act and that this took liability off of the pharmaceutical Companies and onto the United States Taxpayers? Neither of these realities sit well with me. And they shouldn't with you either.

Pharmaceutical's should remain liable for their products if they are going to mandate them on every single child in America. Anything that has the potential for negative side effects should be voluntary. Period. Never should it be required. I wholeheartedly believe that medical freedoms for ALL Americans need to be protected. **And so I strongly OPPOSE HB3063.**

Thank you for your time!

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