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Dear House Health Care Committee Members,

I oppose HB 3063. I am not pro-vaccines, I am not anti-vaccines. I am pro safer vaccines, industry transparency, safety studies, parental choice, informed consent, freedom of information without censorship, and access to education. Where there is risk, there must be choice.

Both my sons have several severe food and animal allergies. Injecting them with a vaccine that contains one of their allergens could cause a life threatening reaction yet under the current medical exemptions rules my sons won't qualify for one. As a parent doing my best to keep my sons safe, how can I play the odds and inject them with a vaccine knowing there is a risk of a serious reaction? It is unfathomable that my right to have a discussion with our pediatrician on the risks and benefits of an immunization and informed consent are in the process of being removed. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 made it illegal to sue vaccine manufacturers if their product harms or kills my child (yet I can sue them for any other drug that harms or kills my child) so as an individual that chooses to vote yes on this bill that is likely to cause harm to my sons, are you going to take the liability on yourself? You have the right of informed consent and freedom of choice for medical procedures, yet you are removing that right from me as a parent to care for my sons.

In response to -2 Amendment: Kicking kids out of school because they are not fully vaccinated is a violation of their constitutional (14<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Section 1. *Pryler vs Doe*, 1982) right to an education. Segregating them is not the answer. This amendment would not allow any unvaccinated child to attend church if the church offered childcare or Sunday school during the services. It is our right as Americans to freedom of worship regardless of vaccine status. Children would also be denied access to participate in school sports, sport clubs, drama class, dance lessons, swimming lessons, to just name a few. This amendment would severely limit the access unvaccinated children have to extracurricular activities.

Our country is built on the foundation of religious rights and separation of church and state. The state should not remove our rights to an informed decision to decide for or against vaccinations, whether those are religious or philosophical reasons. The state should not hold parents hostage to choose between allowing their kids to receive a public education, private education or attend daycare while following their sincere religious or philosophical beliefs by removing the religious and philosophical vaccine exemptions. Regardless of your stance on vaccinations, it is our right as a parent to make that decision, not the state.

The fetal DNA used to grow vaccines on was obtained through abortion. This is an ethical and moral issue that I disagree with on a fundamental level. I cannot willingly and knowingly inject my children with aborted fetal tissue (yes, some still remains present in the vaccine when it is ready) that has been shown in studies to cause damage both to healthy immune systems and healthy DNA. To bar pro-life Christians from attending public school, private school or daycare because of their sincerely held religious beliefs is religious discrimination and should not be tolerated.

Can you answer the questions below?

- Have the ingredients/components of these vaccines been tested for their mutagenic, carcinogenic, and fertility affects? Do vaccines contain ingredients that are known neurotoxins, carcinogens, or that can cause infertility?

- If vaccines are so safe, why do the inserts list so many adverse reactions? Have you read the list of adverse reactions listed on the actual insert? Is “death” listed as a possible side effect on the manufacturer’s insert for any of the childhood vaccines?
- Has each vaccine been put through a double blind study with a placebo control? Why are vaccines administered concomitantly with other vaccines in safety studies?
- In the testing of the vaccines & schedule, what adverse events were tracked, and for how long after injection?
- Are there any long-term clinical studies that have used true placebo controls (using saline, not adjuvants or other vaccines) to compare the health of vaccinated people to completely not vaccinated people?
- What is the pharmaceutical industry’s role in influencing vaccine policy at both the federal and state level and does their role raise any concerns about conflicts of interest with those making policy?
- Are physicians and nurses trained to detect vaccine adverse reactions/injury and are they required to report them to the VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System)? How many reactions are reported to VAERS each year? What percentage of vaccine reactions are estimated to be reported to VAERS?
- Besides vaccines, are there any pharmaceuticals that have the same dosage regardless of weight or age? Is there any danger to giving the same amount of "inactive" ingredients and adjuvants to a newborn baby that one would give to a 250 lb man?
- Where does the United States stand in terms of overall measures of health, (especially infant mortality and chronic disease) relative to other developed countries?
- Have you reviewed infant mortality rates and vaccine rates by state? Did you know Mississippi ranks highest in infant mortality rate at 10 deaths per 1000 live births while also having the highest rate of childhood vaccination because it is one of only two states in the U.S. that does not allow parents a choice regarding vaccines, as a requirement for attending school?
- What is the history and rationale of the principle of medical informed consent and what does it mean with regard to the mandated injection of pharmaceutical products into children and adults?

Are you up to date on all your vaccinations? If this bill passes, are you going straight to the doctor’s office to catch up on all your boosters? Are your children up to date? Do you have any concern that the Oregon Health Authority can at any time add additional vaccines to the required list?

Can you with a clear conscience endorse a mandate that requires injecting a liability free product without informed consent and freedom of choice?

I urge you to oppose HB3063 and vote no.

You CANNOT MANDATE A LIABILITY FREE PRODUCT.

Per the Supreme Court: "It is cardinal with us that the custody, care and nurture of the child reside first in the parents, whose primary function and freedom include preparation for obligations the state can neither supply nor hinder. It is in recognition of this that these decisions have respected the private realm of family life which the state cannot enter. - Prince v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 321 U.S. 158 (1944)"

Our bodies, our families, our jurisdiction, our choice. It is as simple this: our American right to freedom of choice, informed consent, our children's education, and religious and philosophical beliefs.

Thank you,

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