

Dear House Healthcare Committee,

My name is Erin Green, and I live in Portland, OR with my husband and 2 year old daughter. We are also expecting our second daughter later this year. My husband and I are very proud Oregonians, and our families have been in Oregon or the Pacific Northwest for 4+ generations.

Please know that we are in opposition to HB 3063. We urge you to vote no on HB 3063.

Benjamin Franklin once said, ***"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."***

If we are so scared of measles (which was considered a benign childhood illness just 2 generations ago) that we are willing to give up the freedom to make choices for our own bodies and for our own children's bodies, then we don't deserve the liberty our forefathers fought for.

It is not the American way to mandate how people make healthcare decisions, nor how to raise healthy children. My husband and I are proud Americans and Oregonians, but we don't even recognize our own country nor our own state. The early pilgrims left Europe to come to North America for religious freedom, and now that is being taken away from us. The early pioneers headed to the Wild West where the spirit here has always been one of freedom, innovation and exploration. If our own religious and medical freedoms are taken away from us, tell me, where is there left in the world for us to go?

If the Democratic party believes in a woman's right over her own body, what about the medical rights over a man, woman, or child's body? Don't those rights count?

I have a genetic mutation called MTHFR (specifically I am C677T homozygous) which makes it very hard for my liver to detox. I have always been sensitive to any kind of toxins and many foods, and have had eczema since I was a baby, later getting diagnosed with multiple autoimmune diseases. I have unfortunately passed down one copy of this genetic mutation to my daughters. Dr. Paul Thomas, a well-known pediatrician here in Portland with 13,000 patients, and who is also in opposition to HB3063, does not recommend any vaccinations until at least age 5 for anyone with MTHFR. I believe my autoimmune diseases can be traced back to my childhood vaccines. I wish to spare my children from autoimmune disease and the other health issues I've had to deal with.

If HB 3063 were to pass, we would be forced to homeschool our daughters. I very much appreciate all the schooling options we have here in Portland, including all the wonderful charter schools and online options, but we wouldn't be able to take advantage of anything except homeschool. In some of the recent amendments it has been suggested that my healthy daughters wouldn't even be able to attend after-school electives (like chess club or basketball) and functions or events held at the school. If you vote yes, you are holding hostage my child's educational rights in exchange for medical tyranny.

“If people let government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny.” – Thomas Jefferson

Why oppose HB3063?

- ✘ Because we Oregonians believe medical decisions should be made in the privacy of a doctor's office, not in the state legislature.
- ✘ Because we Oregonians value religious freedom and do not want to abolish religious freedoms for any reason.
- ✘ Because we Oregonians want all children to have access to education--and this bill takes that away from children.
- ✘ Because we Oregonians think it is a terrible idea to try to coerce parents into one-size-fits-all.
- ✘ Because there is no emergency in Oregon which would justify this kind of forced medical intervention

Please vote for medical and religious freedom!

Sincerely,

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