

Dear House Healthcare Committee,

I am writing you to express my opposition to the proposed legislation, HB 3063. As a resident of Wilsonville, OR and father of an unvaccinated daughter who attends a West Linn-Wilsonville School District primary school, removing my vaccine exemption will have devastating effects on my family and my daughter's ability and right to an education that is funded by my income and property taxes. I understand the fear diseases have caused recently and know certain vaccines serve a purpose in limiting exposure; however, removing my right as a parent to not vaccinate my child under the direction of our family doctor is not the right approach as HB 3063 seeks to do. At the age of 7, our daughter has never been severely ill nor has she contracted a known disease that vaccinations are supposed to prevent. We believe the human body was designed with an amazing immune system that can and will fight off incoming illnesses and that breast feeding early in life provides antibodies already developed within the mother's body. Medical decisions for children should only be granted to parents, not the state.

Secondly, my wife is currently a teacher specializing in ESL education in the Woodburn School District and should HB 3063 become law, she will have to leave the teaching profession to homeschool our daughter and that loss of her \$60,000 income would be very difficult on our family. The impact she is making on students in that school will be lost once she leaves the classroom and Woodburn SD will lose out on one of their best ESL teachers (just ask her principal).

In addition, should HB 3063 become law, you would be placing extreme financial pressure on school districts and day care facilities across the state as over 31,000 students will no longer allowed to attend school. These centers for learning are funded on enrollment and losing this many students will cost districts over \$403,000,000 in revenue (\$13,000 per child spent by Oregon times 31,000), which will lead to teacher/staff layoffs across Oregon. Are you prepared to tell school districts they will have to lay off staff next school year? Are you prepared for the loss of tax revenue across the state due to laid off employees not having a paycheck?

Please think about the major ramifications with passing HB 3063 and all the lives across this state you will impact.

I pray you will not move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

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