

Esteemed Members of the House Health Care Committee;

I would like to voice my vehement opposition to the proposed bill HB 3063, which I see as a gross violation of my personal liberties as a human being, mother and citizen of the United States of America.

I believe that the pharmaceutical conglomerates are exercising undue control over the legislation and policies of our nation at both the federal and state level. The pharmaceutical lobby is the most wealthy and powerful by far, and they spend billions of dollars on advertising per year, making up 70 percent of news ads. This outsized influence is beginning to control the narrative of the very news stories themselves, and the stories (and even outright lies) that then influence our legislatures.

I do not believe that this bill will support public health. There is no crisis of infectious disease in Oregon. Measles has never been a highly morbid disease in the U.S. or other developed countries. It was viewed much like the chicken pox just a few generations ago. It should not be on our agenda of things to fear, let alone the impetus behind a bill that will strip parents of their God-given rights and children the right to a free public education.

As an intelligent and educated mother, I am not concerned with who has what shots or with the so-called "outbreaks" that the mainstream media blows out of proportion every year like clockwork. I am concerned, however, with the direction our governmental policies are going, attempting as they are to wrest away my rights as a parent and my child's right to an education and to free usage of public resources. This brings to mind the "legal" policies of racial segregation and the Jewish ghettos; times in history when the so-called greater good justified horrendous crimes against humanity.

Let us not forget the mistakes of the past but instead remember the foundation of our great country, which is to protect personal freedoms at all costs.

Benjamin Rush, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a physician, politician, social reformer, humanitarian and educator. He stated:

“Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship to restrict the art of healing to one class of Men and deny equal privileges to others; the Constitution of the Republic should make a Special privilege for medical freedoms as well as religious freedom.”

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that you will vote to oppose HB 3063 so that your time and resources can be better spent addressing the true issues that Oregonians face, instead of enriching the drug companies via misguided, draconian policies.

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