

My name is Jade Wray and I oppose HB 3063. I always believed like most that reactions are a one in a million. I wore a badge of honor doing my part to vaccinate my three children. Until I became the one in a million, or so I thought I was at the time.

My 2 year old son Elliott received MMR and Polio in the winter of 2017, shortly after he began to resist eating, would have huge melt downs in the middle of the night, in regards to pain in his stomach, his legs, his head. Soon he became ill with stomach issues only to feel better for a few days before falling ill again with vomiting and being unable to keep any thing down. I was guessing the flu but oddly no one else in the house was ill, including our baby even though I was tandem nursing him and Elliott. I questioned why Elliott was so sick and not I since he should have my immunity through my breast milk. He started to feel better but then every morning would wake up with hives all over his, face, hands, feet, and legs. Hives that would at times leave bruises when gone. After scrambling to figure out what was causing his reaction he had a major reaction at a park which sent us headed to urgent care. My son it turns out had become allergic to the cold. He couldn't even hold a cup of cold milk, as his hands would fill with hives. Cold yogurt left him clawing at his tongue.

The next year would come with doctor appointments that included us being sent to Randals Children Hospital in Portland and also consulting with one of the best allergist in the area. In the end my son was diagnosed with cold urticaria a rare disorder in which the body attacks itself buy taking the safety off like in reference to a gun when combating a intrusion to the body is the way the allergist described it. Many children with CU have a life of daily medication, epi pens and fear of anaphylactic shock from a snowy day or a pool that could be too cold. After reviewing dates I have no doubt as to what the intruder was that caused his body to trigger this reaction. Right now he has 90% immunity from the vaccine with his one dose of MMR, the second dose gets him to 97%...so he could still get measles...

Also during that year I STILL vaccinated my youngest when his well check came up. He received his DTaP and in less the 24 hours he was covered from head to toe in a rash that even included his eyelids and scalp. This rash would weep and form tiny blisters on his legs. I called the doctors office and was told multiple times that DTaP did not cause a rash and spoke to multiple nurses that dismissed me. Since my doctor was out of town I asked to see anyone available so that I could find out how to care for the wounds forming on his legs. The entire appointment was her repeatedly going over how there was no possible way that this was a reaction from DTaP and that it was eczema that developed over night over his entire body. I left that appointment in total shock. I wasn't a anti vaxxer, I was vaccinating my kids, I was doing what I was told. Why was I being so ignored, I just wanted help. I did get in with my own doctor and he could neither confirm or denied a vaccine reaction but stated that it did not look anything like eczema and that he would like to think it was all just coincidence. Doctors refuse to see any connection even when it happens immediately. That year in my County of Lane 78 percent of the people who tested positive for pertussis had been vaccinated according to the data collected by the Lane County Health Department.

If HB 3063 passes I'll be faced with the hard choice to choose between boosters that do not offer full protection or hurting my children even more. OHA reports that 66 percent of the kids in Oregon that have those exemptions have been vaccinated. Injuries DO happen and **WHERE THERE IS RISK THERE MUST BE CHOICE**. Please vote NO on HB 3036.

Sincerely,
Jade Wray of Eugene Oregon

