## HB 3063 Testimony

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Subject: HB 3063

Madam Chair and most honorable members of House Health Committee:

I testified yesterday before your committee but did not have time to present my full testimony to you due to time constraints. I beseech you to take the time to read this post as it is of value I believe. I am William Schneider the current chair of the public health committee for the Oregon Chiropractic Association and practicing chiropractor for over 35 years. I do not write to you on behalf of the OCA but as a concerned doctor and parent.

I want you all to know that there is no emergency with regard to the measles 'outbreak' here in Oregon-and thus the catalyst for the current bill before you is based on a completely false premise. This is not just my opinion but the often spoken opinion of the OHA. The OHA has told Dr. Paul Thomas that there have been no cases of community acquired measles in the entire state of Oregon this year. Zero. All four cases of measles in Oregon were contracted from contacts with children in Clark county WA. So why the urgency to pass this bill now in Oregon?

Dr. Paul Cieslak is Director of the Public Health Divisions Communicable Disease and Immunization Program for the state of Oregon. He has been the chief spokesperson for the OHA regarding the recent measles outbreak by his own admission to me personally.(He attends my church and is personal friend).He has communicated to me that he has repeatedly announced to the media and all that the general public has little to worry about with regard to the recent measles problem in Oregon. He has further said that 96% of K-12 students in Oregon have received 2 doses of measles vaccines and that measles is "a great public health victory" in Oregon. Dr. Cieslak has communicated to me very clearly that this has been his narrative repeated over and over throughout these last few months as the chief spokesperson for the OHA.

So there seems to be a major disconnect here! Why is the OHA seemingly supporting HB 3063 when they are at same time saying measles in Oregon is a great public health victory? I urge you in the committee to ask the OHA folks why they feel this bill is necessary? In the end I urge you to stop this bill in your committee and save the many parents and children who will

see their freedom as Americans horribly maligned by this completely unnecessary and divisive bill. Vaccines can be extraordinarily dangerous and this bill would force many well informed caring parents to consider playing Russian Roulette with their precious children. Please don't do this horrible thing to parents and children.

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