

Dear Members of the Oregon House Health Care Committee,

I am a 15 year old high school student, and I am writing to you today about House Bill 3063 you are about to vote on.

I am partially vaccinated, and my mother chose not to fully vaccinate me.

If this Bill passes, you are not going to change the mind of my family, or thousands of others. You would be restricting me and my sister from going to school, getting a public education, and becoming successful adults. Our kids are the next generation in this country. The only people this bill will be affecting, is the children who are being denied a public education. It will not change the mind of the parents who made this choice for a reason. There are reasons behind everybody's decisions. You may think we are weird, hippie or lunatics, but we make decisions for the well-being of ourselves. Our parents would not have made this decision if it threatened our health, had no reasonable explanation, or scientific evidence.

I personally know people who have been negatively affected by vaccines. This scares me, my family, and the rest of the thousands of families who decide not to fully vaccinate.

The Constitution states that every child has a right to a free public education. HB 3063 says, "On the effective date of the order, the administrator shall exclude the child from the school or facility and not allow the child to attend the school or facility until the requirements of this section have been met." Please, I would like to know how this allows children a free public education. "While education may not be a "fundamental right" under the Constitution, the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment requires that when a state establishes a public school system... no child living in that state may be denied equal access to schooling." (<http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-7-4-c-education-and-the-14th-amendment>). As an American citizen I am protected by the law, which means I must be treated equally as all American citizens are. If this Bill passes, I will not be treated as equally as my peers, by being denied a public education.

If this Bill passes, I will not finish high school amongst my peers. I will not receive the public education I have a right to. And this Bill will not change the minds of the parents who made the decision to fully vaccinate. We as American citizens have a right to free speech and belief; so then why can my parents not choose what is best for me?

Thank you for your time,

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