

Dear Rep Andrea Salinas,

I am writing to ask that you please oppose HB3063. There are a multitude of reasons that this bill should not be passed in Oregon. We are a progressive state that should look out for parental rights and retain our medical choices!

Both of my children have suffered vaccine injuries. I vaccinated my oldest child per the current AAP/CDC schedule until 15 months old when she began to regress and lost her ability to speak. My older child's speech delay happened post MMR vaccination when she lost all of her words and stopped talking altogether which required twice a week speech therapy for over a year. She also required therapy to teach her how to chew again as she began stuffing food into her mouth and no longer chewing. My second child experienced unexplained rapid head growth (macrocephaly) after his 2 month vaccinations; he was given diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, pneumococcal, Hib, Polio and Rotovirus in ONE visit.

IT IS NEVER NORMAL FOR A CHILD TO REGRESS. Vaccination is NOT without risk. Where there is risk, there MUST be a choice. Vaccines are NOT one size fits all. Additionally, a child that has made a recovery should NOT be subjected or forced into more vaccinations. This is where there is a SERIOUS problem with any type of mandatory vaccination to attend school! There are so many children that are recovering from injury and should not be subjected to more damage which will ultimately be a burden on any school system.

Lastly, here are some other points that make this bill a poor choice for our state:

- Per Oregon Health Authority in a letter to the Governor last year, Oregon has continually high vaccination rates with statewide vaccination rates at 94%.

The true unvaccinated rate is only 2.6%. You must look at the exemption data. A child is considered exempt even if they only skip ONE single vaccination. It does not mean that every exempt child has had ZERO vaccinations. Many parents opt out of the Hepatitis B vaccine as it is given on day ONE of life and the majority of children are not exposed to this virus in any way. These children are included in the "exemption" number.

There have no been adequate safety studies to study the risks of multiple vaccinations in a single visit or even studies against a true placebo. Before a state forces a parent to vaccinate fully to attend school, there must be true and adequate safety testing. The HHS has not performed a safety study in over 30 years as they were required to do for the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Act. This law provides to total liability protection to the vaccine makers. Trust me when I say, there ARE reasons why parents are hesitant to inject their children when we do not know whether it is truly safe (it is not).

If this bill were to pass, it is estimated that schools will lose funding due to the drop in enrollment. This is estimated at \$413 million dollars. Many families will likely move out of state if they cannot homeschool their children.

PLEASE think about the future of our children and society. Vaccine injury is not RARE. It is just RARELY discussed by the media.

Thank you for your time.

Kindly,

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