

Chair Salinas, Members of the Health Care Committee, Representatives, and Senators,

I am writing to you today on behalf of my sister Janey who **died from an allergic reaction to the MMR vaccine asking you to **oppose or withdraw your support from HB 3063****. I thank the growing number of Representatives who are voicing their concern and opposition to this bill. I am a registered democrat living in Portland, Oregon. To avoid forcing my child to undergo the same medical procedure that killed my sister I will be forced to quit my job as a woman in renewable energy to home school him.

I can't imagine the pressure you're feeling before tomorrow's work session on HB 3063 as I, and over 31,500 families in Oregon, await the outcome with bated breath. In the near future our lives might go back to normal or I might be forced to quit my career that I've fought so hard for in a male dominated industry. My hard work and dedication in college to graduate summa cum laude will have been for nothing. My son's life might be turned upside down as he is torn away from the friends and structure at school he's known since he was 3 years old. He might be deprived of the services in his IEP and his relationships with the staff at school who have come to love him.

I read a quote from Robert Oakes who works for the Oregon Department of Human Services recently. He said "**Oregon is devoted to taking care of and protecting Oregon's children and treating them fairly with dignity and respect...**" This bill is in direct contradiction of that sentiment. **We cannot play Russian roulette with the lives of some children while claiming that we treat them fairly. Depriving them of a public education is not fair treatment.** Making children outcasts from their peers is not dignifying them. Punishing them by removing them from school and denying them online schooling is blatant disrespect. **Just because someone has different life experiences than you doesn't make them wrong.** Oregon prides itself in being tolerant and welcoming. Where is the tolerance in this bill?

During the work session tomorrow please remember that this bill is playing Russian roulette with the lives of innocent children. Children will die from reactions, like my sister, from this bill. My child's life is worth more than a politician's agenda. **Encourage vaccine education and awareness and vote to increase funding for more free vaccine clinics.** These will increase vaccination rates far more than denying children a public education. **I implore you to vote no on HB 3063 tomorrow.** Vote NO to ensure educational rights for all children. Vote NO to respect bodily autonomy. Vote NO to safeguard informed consent. Vote NO for religious freedom. Vote NO to keep \$400,000,000 in funding in our schools. Vote NO to protect the lives of children that might otherwise die as a direct result of this bill. Vote NO in memory of Janey all the children who have been maimed or killed by vaccines.

Best regards,
Jennifer Allen