Dear Honorable Representatives:

I request that within any cultural competency training there be included to NOT have a discriminatory attitude towards those who choose to not vaccinate or to not do ALL of the vaccines.

If we must learn to be kind and caring towards Gays, Transgenders, those of other religions and who speak other languages, then let's not discriminate against and segregate those whose beliefs about healthcare do not align with our current beliefs.

Do you recall when smoking in public was ACCEPTED?

Please, let's not be so egotistical to think that our current medical beliefs are entirely correct.

For children to be discriminated against for not having all or any vaccines, may create serious psychological damage. The message is that their parents are at best unwise and at worst, stupid criminals and unfit parents. We know that does not help children to grow up with a sense of self esteem.

People who choose to make decisions about their own health care and the health care of their children deserve to be commended for their willingness to question, to think, to be responsible for their health, and to not blindly do what they are told until they have all the information they feel they need to make a good decision.

The current media (and government) attitude towards those who choose to not have all of the available or recommended vaccines is discriminatory. Those who choose to not vaccinate are treated like lepers, yet there does NOT exist clear research to show that these unvaccinated people are any more contagious than are many vaccinated people. (if you're NOT aware of that, please contact Oregonians for Medical Freedom and learn information that has been withheld via pharmaceutical controls.

btw: I'm not so sure a cultural competency course is necessary, other than for the above, due to the excessive influence of the media with regards to attitudes towards those who wisely choose which vaccines to have and when.

Thank-you for your Service,

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