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Dear Senators and Representatives of the Joint Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Human Services,

This is Austin and Tina Herman from Salem, Or. We want to thank those of you who have responded to our emails regarding our families opposition to HB3063. A few replies have mentioned how "Having their classmates vaccinated is critical for medically fragile children who cannot be vaccinated." I would like to speak to this medically fragile group.

Our choice to not vaccinate did not start out that way. **We did vaccinate.....** and at **18 months old** our daughter had **three seizures** and spent **three days in the hospital due to the MMR vaccine**. Our doctor had us report it to the CDC and VAERS and our **Dr. supported our choice** to take an alternative approach to vaccinating.

This is where it gets tricky. Those who say/feel **we should vaccinate are asking us, as parents, to put our child at risk to save the medically-fragile** who are **also at risk**. Only for **different reasons** and **neither one of those children's fault**. Our **daughters vaccine injury** was not planned by us..... The medically-fragile child didn't ask for cancer. People throw out "medically-fragile" glibly as a **demand for vaccinating but do you realize** that we are now **deciding the value of one child's life over another?** Tell me Committee Members, is this really up to you? **Are you saying that the medically-fragile child's life is more important and valuable than our daughters?**

I urge you to vote NO on HB3063.

Thank you,
Austin and Tina Herman