Greetings, my name is Elaina.

Two years ago, I came to Salem to tour the capitol building on a school field trip. I was enthralled with the history of our state and it's government. Isn't it ironic that I'm back here at the capitol building two years later, but this time ... fighting for my right just to stay in school.

As a teenage young woman headed into 8th grade, I'm wondering when my right to choice over my body and consent begins. I'm taught that my "no" should mean no, and that consent is my right, but my government is proposing to hold my education hostage unless I subject my body to more of the same vaccines that injured me as a baby. That's called coercion.

In a time when kids my age already struggle with depression and an increased suicide rate, why are you forcing students who won't consent to injections that have never been tested as medications out of schools and into isolated learning in front of screens all day? How does this create the leaders of tomorrow? I'm here to make a difference in the world, to pay forward all that I've been given, not be segregated and relegated into isolation.

I have a family history of vaccine reactions to the MMR - I lost the ability to walk and talk and it took four months for me to regain the ability to walk and my vocabulary back. I don't qualify for a medical exemption. I shouldn't have my education held hostage because I'm not willing to gamble with vaccinations that have already caused 82 deaths and 1176 injuries JUST SINCE JANUARY OF THIS YEAR.

I have a federal right to an education. I want to believe in this amazing Democratic government that inspired me two years ago on that field trip, but I cannot believe in a government that strips away the right to appropriate education from young women intent on becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Please vote NO on HB 3063 and show me that integrity matters to you.