

To Committee Members of SB 442,

So those who want forced vaccination without the right to opt out have decided that it is in the best interest of everyone to force their beliefs on others by requiring vaccines for every child to attend school in Oregon. Parents who feel strongly about it, and have the ability to, will be forced to remove their children from public schools. Those who can't afford it will be forced to vaccinate, regardless of their religious or philosophical beliefs and fears of harm for their child. In essence, they will hold your child's right to an education hostage. They either refuse to acknowledge that there are two sides to the issue of vaccine effectiveness and safety, or accept the government documented fact that occasional vaccine injury sacrifices will have to be made for the "common good".

Another concern is will this just be the beginning of pro-vaccine hysteria? Will it morph into forced vaccination for everyone in order to participate in the public arena? Will they hold us at gunpoint to inject our bodies with known poisons for the unproven "common good" of everyone? Is this not akin to rape? Does not "no" mean no? Is consent really required? If I'm not free to say no to something that will directly affect my own body, then I have been violated of my freedom at the most basic level. Since when in the course of human history has this type of force been used in a free country? Was Nazi Germany considered a free country? Dr. Mengele surely did not have the full consent of his patients for his medical procedures. The state of Oregon appears to be heading to the minority status in its stance on freedom of choice regarding invasive medical procedures. The majority of states acknowledge the right to refuse this 'what should be voluntary' procedure. There is no proof that the unvaccinated pose a direct and imminent danger to the rest of the population, because they do not. There have been cases however of the vaccinated exposing the non-vaccinated to viruses, and there is no retribution for this. Furthermore, with most of the population being vaccinated they deny everyone the possibility of developing natural and lifetime immunity to generally non-harmful childhood diseases. Serious risks are rare from them. They say serious risks are rare from vaccines also, although long term risks are unknown. Who knows what part they play in the fairly recent dramatic increases in autism, allergies and autoimmune diseases? So let parents decide which risk they would rather take.

Thank you again,

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