

Hello,

My name is Jamie Peterson. I am a 41 year old mother born and raised here in Oregon. My husband is a master teacher of 22 years specializing in elementary special education. We have been parents for 19 years. We are not against vaccination on the whole and believe that they have a place within a society. However, I am writing today to share my testimony in opposition to the HB3063. ***Mandating any medical procedure is a gross overstepping of the government and an infringement on our constitutional rights. It directly infringes on Oregon children's right to a "free, appropriate, public education" as required by the IDEA.***

I was vaccinated on schedule throughout my life. Which in the 70's and 80's while I was growing up looked much different than it does today. In 2011, I received a Tdap vaccine as part of my preventative care. Within hours I began to have numbness and tingling in the right side of my head and face. This progressed over the next several days and when it didn't improve I made a call to my physician- I was put through a series of neurological tests and scheduled for an MRI. This was just the beginning of the downward spiral in my health. Since that day I have had four MRI's, 2 CTs, and numerous other medical tests. I have numbness and tingling in the entire right side of my body in addition to loss of strength, debilitating fatigue, and many more neurological issues. I have been diagnosed with autoimmune diseases and I have wondered what my life will look like in 10 years, if I'll even still be alive. My neurologist said "sometimes a person over responds to a vaccine". Knowing that any one of us could over respond or fail to detox the adjuvants in a vaccine, how can we mandate that every person is injected with the full vaccine schedule? 10 years ago my mother died from ALS- she worked in the silicone industry and was always vaccinated on schedule including her yearly flu shot. Her many medical specialists speculated that her ALS process was linked to her bodies inability to detox from heavy metals. We've since learned that I carry genetic mutations which makes it harder for my own body to detox. Could this be why I reacted to this vaccine? Could this same genetic variant be why my mother died from ALS? And if so- what of my children? How do we know they are safe? How do we know they won't have the same or worse response to a vaccine at some point in their life?

The answer is- we don't know. I believe we have the ability to screen for many issues that could make vaccination less safe in specific individuals. I believe we have the ability to make safe, clean vaccines without ingredients which violate individual conscience. However, these capabilities are not being used today to create safe vaccines and screen who shouldn't be vaccinated.

My own micro preemie, youngest daughter, born at 26 weeks, weighing only 1lb 13oz, who had a brain bleed at birth, fought and beat bacterial meningitis twice, has cerebral palsy and a compromised immune system, would not be able to get a medical exemption from vaccines despite her conditions (and mine) being listed as a contraindication on vaccine inserts. ***If HB3063 is passed, my only choice is to roll the dice and inject my at risk child, or she is denied her right to education.*** The reasons listed for medical exemptions on the CDC site only allow for a person who has already had a severe and life threatening reaction to a vaccine- by then it's too late for many of our at risk children. Why should my child's brain be put at greater risk, when we have fought for her from day one to prevent further damage to her brain and to reduce the toxic load in her body to allow her brain to repair itself. The challenges she faces now are minimal- what if the toxic load of our current vaccine schedule is too much? What if my beautiful miracle child can't fight that fight? ***What if my child was YOUR child?***

Medical exemptions do not protect the majority of our vulnerable children. Mandated vaccination puts them at risk of serious harm and denies our children access to a free, appropriate, public education. HB3063 has no place in our democratic society.

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

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