

Dear Representatives,

My name is Dr. Kacie Flegal, I am a Chiropractic Physician practicing in Ashland, OR.

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Representative Salinas on her new position as Health Care Chair. The importance of affordable and accessible healthcare is of the utmost importance. Thank you for supporting this vision.

I am writing you in regard to **Bill HB 3063** that seeks to remove all exemptions except medical exemptions for vaccines.

I am deeply concerned about this bill and would like to express my opposition to it. I urge you to oppose this bill as the **damage to the economy and the education system will be too great.**

1) Mandating vaccination and removing the right to be exempt due to philosophical or religious reasons will impact the current **31,521 students in OR who are enrolled and have filed a non-medical exemption.** That will be a huge loss for the education system if those families are forced to pull their children out of school to homeschool.

2) Currently, Oregon has **extremely high vaccination rates** across all counties, regardless of exemptions.

3) **7.5% of kindergarteners file an exemption form**, which means they could be exempt from **ONE** vaccine, not **ALL** vaccines. Most of them will **continue to vaccinate.**

4) **Only 2.5% of kindergarteners are 100% unvaccinated**, therefore, of those that have filed an exemption, 66% are partially or mostly fully vaccinated. (2.6% of the 7.5% of exemptions did no vaccines, leaving 4.9% who did vaccinate even with exemption. $4.9\%/7.5\% = 65\%$)

5) Having exemption in Oregon means that the student didn't receive ALL 31 of the 31 required vaccines for school attendance. **Meaning that if a child received 30 of the required vaccines, they would still be under the exemption.**

6) The **current measles cases** since January of 2019 in **Oregon is 4 cases.** 3 of which were confirmed to have stayed home during the illness and **pose NO RISK of new public exposures.** <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/measles.aspx>

7) **Measles cases still happen even when vaccine rates are at their peak.** You will see from this chart in the link provided below from the CDC that this current outbreak of measles is not out of the cyclical norm for the disease. <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>

I greatly appreciate your time, and urge you to continue to support medical accessibility, affordability and freedom.

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