

I am writing to tell you that I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren. The state has no right to enforce vaccinations on children against their parents wishes, for any reason when there is little to no life threatening issue present.

What the media is so fond of calling an "out break", less than 60 people of some 7.4 million in Washington state were diagnosed, was a very small, isolated group in a very small, defined geographic neighborhood. That is hardly an out break of anything. Then to raise the panic alarm when a total of 4 people in Oregon, 4 of 4.1 million, were diagnosed, from that same Washington contact group some of our legislators rush to Salem to "save the world" and initiate a law that removes the decision making from parents and places children under state rule.

The truth is, any number touted by the CDC is a made up number, just read their own literature. **No one knows** what the true death or even the complication rate is. Every number given from the CDC is an extrapolated one (they state that in their own literature if you read it), meaning a statistical "guess". Why is that? Measles is most typically a mild, self limiting condition and it is likely that few cases are ever reported. Any assumption as to the number of cases and then calculating a complication or death rate and then use of that number to support ones argument is false and flawed, on either side.

Then there are the fail rates. In every "outbreak" there are those who get the disease who in fact had the vaccine to prevent it. The last number touted on national news about the recent incident in Vancouver had it at 56 cases confirmed with 6 of those having previously had the vaccine. The math on that puts the rate of those who got the infection, who had the vaccine previously at 10.7%, that is a real number. According to the CDC website, as of this morning 2-27-19 (remember this is a statistical number, not real but calculated, the rate of encephalitis was placed at 1 in 1,1000 and the death rate at 1-2 per 1000, so rates at .001% and .002 %.

This quote is from the National Vaccine Information Center:

"In 2012 the Cochrane Collaborative examined 57 studies and clinical trials involving approximately 14.7 million children who had received the MMR vaccine. While the study authors stated that they were not able to detect a significant association between autism, asthma, leukemia, hay fever, Type 1 diabetes, gait disturbance, Crohns disease, demyelinating diseases viral or bacterial infections they reported that **"The design and reporting of safety outcomes in MMR vaccine studies, both pre- and post-marketing are largely inadequate."**

The article goes on to say that "As of November 30, 2011, there have been more than 93,179 reports of measles vaccine reactions, hospitalizations injuries and deaths following measles vaccinations made to the federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System(VAERS) including 459 deaths, 6936 hospitalizations and 1,748 related disabilities. Over 50% of those adverse events occurred in children three years and under. However, the numbers of vaccine-related injuries and deaths reported to VAERS may not reflect the **true** numbers serious health problems that occur and develop after MMR vaccination". Those are real numbers, not statistics, real reports!

I am a physician and I am ashamed that the medical establishment, as a whole, is violating the very basis of who and what we are as healers but also as scientists in looking at what the studies show and what occurs in the real world, neither can be looked at as stand alone numbers.

I firmly believe that parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being legislated and coerced. If in fact you believe that the vaccinations are infallable, if you choose to ignore real numbers and not statistical hype, then those children who who are unvaccinated pose no threat to those who are. If you propose this role to disallow our children a public school education based on vaccine or non-vaccine do those unvaccinated not get to go to the store or the library or the park? I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status.

Only 2.7% of Oregon schoolchildren currently hold a philosophical or religious exemption, meaning that scientifically we already have high community immunity to disease. Therefore, there is no support medically, morally or ethically to take away parental rights to those using non-medical exemptions.

Please do not pass HB 3063, it is bad medicine, it is a bad idea, it is bad law!

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