

Dear Representatives,

I live in Salem, Oregon, and I am deeply concerned about House Bill 3063 that is being proposed, and fast tracked for a public hearing this week. One of the reasons I chose to move to Oregon, from Colorado, was because this state also offered the freedom of choice to vaccinate or not.

I can understand that it may be tempting to dismiss those who will reach out to you this week protesting House Bill 3063 as merely a fringe “anti-vax” group, but I believe the desire to keep vaccination a choice and those that opt out of individual vaccinations or use a delayed schedule also care deeply about the health of all children.

The theory of herd immunity may have been valid under the old model of natural immunity—the notion that if you contracted an infectious disease like pertussis, measles or chickenpox, then you would be immune to that disease for the rest of your life. However, the theory is not valid under the current paradigm of vaccine-induced immunity because that sort of “immunity” is temporary, at best—it doesn’t provide life-long protection from disease. That is a well-known fact, and the reason that the CDC includes “boosters” in its schedule.

I do trust that we share the same desire for the safety of our children, and ask that you consider that the impetus to mandate vaccination is based on a fundamentally flawed theory. That rushing a Bill like this and removing my right to delay vaccines, or opt out of them individually unless medically exempt is of great concern. I hope you will agree with me that no government should tell an individual what to inject into their children's bodies or their own. And the right to a public education is something that every American child is entitled to regardless of their vaccination record.

Respectfully,
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