

Good evening,

I am taking time to write to tell you that I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren. It is my belief that parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being coerced, and I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status.

There are many reasons parents use those exemptions. Perhaps their child has had a reaction to a vaccination that doesn't qualify for a medical exemption, and so they choose to not longer use that vaccine, even if they use others. Perhaps they are using a spaced out or reduced schedule. They may be a member of a religion (such as Jehovah's Witness), which is morally opposed to the use of vaccination.

For our family, in addition to our moral opposition, we use these exemptions because my son had a severe and terrifying reaction to his last vaccination when he was a baby so we are following our Dr's advice to pursue alternative options. Our son now a couple years later is incredibly healthy and is prospering, rarely getting more than a cold. For us to be mandated to put him in serious health risk again is quite upsetting.

I realize this issue is not cut and dry and there are a lot of strong feelings on either side. However the main thing is that families are allowed to research and pursue what they find is best for them. This bill would take away our parental role to protect our kids' health.

Please consider that there are better ways to go about keeping our great state healthy. I hope you will not support this bill along with me.

Thank you for your time and hard work for our state.

Sincerely,
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