

To the Legislature

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-3063.

I am a mother to 5 children, two of which suffered vaccine reactions.

To make a blanket statement on vaccines being “safe and effective” slaps insult at those who have been harmed by them. The Vaccine Injury Compensation fund since its beginning in 1988 has paid out approximately 4 billion dollars to families of those injured by vaccines.

I was one of the parents who did as my doctor told me “for the protection of your children and others” only it didn’t protect my children. Instead it harmed them. My first child, a son was vaccinated on schedule, and he had high fevers in the 103-104 range that would land us in the ER after every round of vaccines. No diagnosis was ever given, only directions to “alternate Tylenol and Motrin and come back if it lasts more than 10 days”. Every time we would do this and nobody suggested it was anything but “normal”. That same son would later be diagnosed on the ASD with non-verbal learning disorder and ADHD.

I continued vaccinations with my second child, a girl, she handled the shots a little better. I’d been instructed to give her Tylenol 30 minutes prior to her appointment and continue to alternate fever reducers for 72 hours afterward so she didn’t spike the high fevers. Instead she’d get red, hot raised spots at the injection sites, again normal I was told. She didn’t talk until age 2, and was suspected of having dyslexia, no formal diagnosis however.

My 3 children following have remained and will remain vaccine free. My reason is there is no way to know how my children will handle these vaccines. Will they end up with a learning disability? Or other diagnosis? Nobody and no study can tell me for certain, but past experience tells me to protect them from the chance.

I have diligently studied vaccines and their ingredients since my third pregnancy in 2007. I am fully committed to keeping my children’s health my choice until it can be their own. My family will do whatever necessary to protect our children. If that means we are forced to leave the state than that is what we will do. If it means we pull our children from the public schools, that is what we will do.

I know there are several families like my own who will stop at nothing to protect our children. Over 30,000 non-medical exemptions for students in Oregon. That will equate to large losses of funds for Oregon schools and perhaps the whole state should those families move out of state. Rather than fight families like mine, embrace us. Our goal isn't to harm anyone, only to protect our children and others.

Vaccines can have very disastrous effects on some individuals, having a one size fits all does not make sense for children whose genetic profiles are very different. Trust parents and their doctors to make these very individual and very important decisions for ours and our children's health. I can assure you that parents like myself are educated and committed to this issue.

I admire your dedication to keeping children of our state safe, so please consider rallying around the idea of safer vaccines, double blind placebo based studies, non-carcinogenic ingredients, and removal of human and animal DNA. Don't allow pharmaceutical giants to dictate laws, trust the people who elected and put their trust in you to make these decisions for ourselves.

Thank you for your time.

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