

Dear Oregon Representatives and Senators,

Thank you for taking the time to hear from your constituents. I am sending this email in regards to HB3063, removing the right from parents to choose their child's immunization status. With the introduction of this bill, I felt it necessary to plead this case on behalf of not only my children, but all Oregonian families. I believe it is the right of the parents to choose how to raise their children as they best see fit, which is not always the same for each child! Each child is unique and created by God to be as such. Creating a rule that makes one blanket statement for all children regarding healthcare is not in the best interest of our precious babies!

I'm the proud wife of a Navy veteran/Air Force full-timer, and stay-at-home homeschooling mother of my 3, soon to be 4, children. I'm an educated medical assistant by trade and am now using that knowledge base and interest in the medical field as well as my role as a mother (most important thing in the world!) to make the best decisions I possibly can for the health and well-being of my family. My husband and I believe in a beautiful balance between Western medicine and natural medicine, and don't feel that they need to be mutually exclusive. Forcing someone to receive a vaccine against their personal or philosophical belief violates the inherent rights we have as parents, and puts that balance we (and many others) strive for completely off. Whether someone chooses to vaccinate their children or not is very personal and should not be left up to the government to decide. The choice must be in the hands of those who know them best! My family is my whole life and I only make decisions that I feel are going to help them be the healthiest, happiest people they can possibly be.

Please take these thoughts into consideration when deciding the fate of this bill, and therefore, our families.

With appreciation,  
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