

Dear Oregon Legislators,

Hello, I Amber Christensen, I write to you as a resident of Oregon, with children who would be negatively effected by HB3063.

I urge you to vote no and oppose this bill as it is a direct violation of our first amendment right to exercise freedom of religion. We were assured in Oregon, when non-medical exemptions were introduced, that our religious beliefs would not be infringed upon in order for our child to attend public school.

This bill holds many children's education hostage while forcing parents to choose to either go against deep religious and person belief convictions and inject their children with controversial and toxic ingredients (like aborted fetal DNA, various animal DNA, formaldehyde, polysorbate 80, aluminum, various antibiotics, food particles -eggs, peanuts, soy, yeast etc-, and many others), or attempt to homeschool their child, which many cannot afford financially or are unable due to the need to work to provide for their family.

You are forcing them to violate their religious beliefs, which are protected by the constitution, in order for their child to exercise their born right as an American citizen to a free, public education.

Not only does this violate our first amendment right to exercise freedom of religion and every child's right to public education, it also violates the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights signed in 2005 by the US and many other countries. This declaration states,

*"Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information... **The interests and welfare of the individual should have priority over the sole interest of science or society.**"*

Free and informed consent cannot be given when under duress, coercion or compulsion. Withholding a child's right to a free and appropriate education through the public school system, which is upheld under the rehabilitation act of 1973, unless they comply with a medical procedure is NOT free and informed consent, but is coercion.

Forced vaccination to attend public school directly violates this declaration that an individuals well being has *priority* over the interest of society via the theory that is bill is trying to achieve through “herd immunity” (despite the fact Oregon already has a very high vaccination rate status).

Forced vaccination for public school attendance puts the needs (based on theory, not fact) of science and society as priority over a persons INDIVIDUAL welfare, violating our human rights.

Thank you for your time in reading these concerns. I again urge you to oppose HB3063 and uphold our constitutional rights, every child’s right to a public education, and the human right to body autonomy and individual welfare above any interest of science or society.

Sincerely,

Amber Christensen