

This is my testimony regarding my reasons for opposing House Bill 3063 which would remove philosophical and religious reasons for vaccine exemptions.

My husband and I are Oregon born and happy to be contributing members to our beloved state. We are lower middle class and most of our friends and family fall in our same income bracket or lower - we simply desire to pay our way and make a decent life for ourselves and our kids, and this elimination of vaccine exemptions would discriminate against many poor people.

This coming fall, I plan to enroll my three children in our local public school district and go back to school to become a licensed Massage Therapist so that my husband will no longer have to work 70 hrs a week working night shift just to pay our bills. I do not have the luxury of being a stay at home mom and my husband is burning out.

We have chosen to delay and space out our children's vaccinations, as well as decline specific vaccines such as the HPV vaccine, which has a controversial safety record. One of our reasons being that MTHFR mutations run in our family and can lead to our bodies not processing the ingredients in vaccines as well as others, and in fact we have witnessed adverse reactions from vaccinations among my husband's siblings such as long term seizures. Our kids don't deserve to risk vaccine injury in order to finally receive a vaccine exemption.

It is simply a bad idea to mandate a one-size-fits-all vaccination schedule before we the people are guaranteed better safety testing and actual accountability of vaccine manufacturers. Our kids *are* the safety test on the combined long term effects of the newest vaccine schedule, which is simply not ethical.

Is the state willing to pay for my lost wages when I am forced to stay home to home-school my children? Is it fair that we have to pay for public school through taxes but can no longer use this service? Is it right that we also have money taken by the Federal Government to fund VAERS to pay for families who have had children killed or permanently damaged by vaccines? Will you take on the cost of health care for any kids who become injured from this new mandate?

We beg for a practical approach to this heated issue, do not take away our ability to be contributing members of society and make conscientious choices for our own children.

Thank you for your consideration,

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