

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I write to you today on behalf of the new bill HB 3063 as a resident of Oregon, with two children in the public school system.

The reason this bill has been introduced is because of the hysteria over the cases of measles across the US, where every person has recovered well without any issue. The number of cases follow the same trend as previous years since the early 2000, these cases are nothing new.

Years before the measles vaccine was introduced there was little to no fear regarding this disease. It was a normal childhood illness that was considered a rite of passage during your childhood years. Many mothers continually reported their children having positive developmental leaps after the illness had passed, and the child then had life long immunity. TV Shows like the Brady Bunch portrayed this nonchalant attitude toward contracting the measles in the US. At this time in history we no longer lived like a 3rd world country when these normal childhood illnesses did cause death. Our population, finally had access to more well balanced nutrition, indoor plumbing, clean water, proper hygiene, and sanitation, all which contributed to the *largest* decline of infectious disease in the US, including measles.

When the vaccine was introduced the yearly death rate for measles in the US, was between 400-500. While we obviously do not want to see any deaths, this is a VERY small number considering that the mass majority of the population of US children were STILL contracting this illness without issue.

These minimal death rates were BEFORE we knew the positive response simply giving two high doses of Vitamin A would contribute to dramatically reducing the death rates for those who contract the measles, both in malnourished and well nourished children. From the studies provided below, we can see that introducing this effective treatment would undeniably reduce the death rate from measles on a large scale. These children would then have life long immunity without the need to receive numerous doses of a vaccine boosters, containing controversial ingredients and with a list of dangerous side effects including death. Considering this disease is NOT life threatening, parents should have the right to choose whether they want to vaccinate or decline vaccination WITHOUT their child's right to a public education being held hostage.

Oregon vaccination rates are already very high (non-medical exemption rate at only 2.6%). This bill will only discriminate against the minority of HEALTHY unvaccinated children. HB 3063 was introduced because of irrational hysteria over a once common and harmless childhood illness, that we now know can be easily treated at ANY age with Vitamin A.

I urge you to OPPOSE this bill to protect the rights of body autonomy AND the right to public education for the minority of HEALTHY partially or fully unvaccinated children.

No child should be discriminated against based on medical history, especially over a disease that is easily treatable. Our parental right to utilize non-medical exemptions needs to be upheld. Just like a child who is positive for Hepatitis B is protected through medical privacy and allowed to attend public school, so should a healthy, unvaccinated child be protected and allowed to exercise their right to public education.

Please Oppose HB3063!

Vitamin A and the Measles:

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJM199007193230304>

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/91/5/1014>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11869601>

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/18/9/11-1701_article#r7

Sincerely,

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