

Dear House Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition of HB 3063. This level of government overreach into the family, patient provider relationship, and religious sanctity of your citizens is not freedom. I implore you to take notice from the history books which have shown us time and time again that "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." as Benjamin Franklin wrote. While your motives are benign, the power once relinquished cannot be recalled. To remove personal medical rights, religious rights and educational rights in the name of safety is to declare the security of our fears more important than the liberties of our citizens.

Because you have stated that the safety of Oregon's children and the prevention of vaccine targeted disease is your motivation in this bill, I will assume that the information you are given is limited in scope or this course of action would not have been drafted. I add the following that I hope will round out the information you have.

1. Oregon's exemption rates have already been steady and above the desired numbers for "community immunity" for the last decade. There has been no sudden decrease in vaccine numbers according to the CDC and OHA. The rise in non-medical exemption numbers follow the schedule requirement for kindergartners entering not being of age to have received all doses of the MMR but once you look at the data for all school age children it becomes clear that those numbers remain high and steady.

2. Infants are the highest unvaccinated population at risk. As the current CDC schedule remains, there have been no infant childcare outbreaks anywhere in our country. To assume that merely being unvaccinated equates to definite infection is a leap but not logic. History doesn't back that and neither does the current outbreak.

3. Primary and secondary vaccine failures leaves vaccinated individuals in the school, present as the same risk as unvaccinated yet are not being segregated. This not only includes children but a vast majority of the adults as well. When community immunity was theorized it was based on naturally acquired and life long immunity which we know now is not the case and the cause of secondary vaccine failure.

I am asking you to also consider that the unvaccinated children who have non-medical exemptions to all vaccines are extremely low at a mere 2.6%. 4 of those children are mine. The reason we have chosen non-medical exemptions are two fold:

1. Our son was vaccine injured at the age of 2.5 years old. We were on a selective and delayed schedule and began vaccinating to protect his younger brother, a newborn, from pertussis. We believed the DTaP to be congruent with our religious beliefs and a safe place to start. His adverse event was missed by the nurses and pediatrician as we called in pleading for answers. Within minutes of vaccination he experienced a localized reaction and within hours was unable to move and developed a fever over 105 degrees. We were told to wait and see if he had a seizure but it was otherwise normal. This lasted for 3 days where our child was incapacitated and lay writhing in bed, unable to move his injected leg. We were still told this was normal. If this is normal, no wonder we aren't capable of recognizing vaccine injury. Per the manufacturer none of this was in fact "normal". He was experiencing a serious adverse event. Our once happy and typical child arose from his fever as a person I didn't recognize. He had speech

regression, emotional outbursts, SPD, and is now neuro atypical. This all began as a marked difference the very day his fever broke and he was able to get up. We were thankful he was alive and count ourselves fortunate for not all can say the same.

2. Not all vaccines are religiously acceptable. The vaccines that are developed using aborted fetal cells are not congruent with our faith's deep respect for life. We cannot accept the injection of human DNA into the body nor can we support its use. Our religious views are now the basis of our proposed segregation. On this we will not budge even if stripping religious freedom is the outcome.

On these decisions we are not lazy, or ill informed, we are not taking marching orders from celebrities or debunked doctors. We have spoken with widely accepted medical professionals, we have studied and researched from NIH, we have witnessed firsthand that this is NOT a one-size-fits-all solution to disease. I oppose HB 3063 and ask that you would stand on the right side of history with me.

Best,
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