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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this testimony in opposition to House Bill 3063. This bill is a complete infringement on parental rights and medical freedom. My husband and I are both highly educated; I am an Instructor at a community college, and he is one of the Deans of the college. We have done thousands of hours of research on vaccine safety in order to make informed choices for the health of our children. Our research has led us to the understanding that vaccines are unavoidably unsafe, and where there is risk, there should be choice.

As of November 30, 2018, there have been more than 92,844 reports of just measles vaccine reactions, hospitalization, injuries, and deaths following measles vaccinations made to the Federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) including 457 related deaths, 6,902 hospitalizations, and 1,736 related disabilities. Over 50% of those adverse events occurred in children three years old and under. The United States Government has paid out more than \$4 billion dollars to vaccine victims through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. One can clearly see why parents have raised concerns.

My husband and I would happily vaccinate our children if vaccines were held to the same standards of safety testing and liability as every other pharmaceutical product on the market and if they were not full of harmful additives such as aluminum, formaldehyde, and mercury (as is still the case with the flu vaccine). The truth is, vaccines have never undergone a double-blind placebo study. Furthermore, vaccine manufacturers and the doctors who administer vaccines are shielded from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths through the combination of the law passed by Congress in 1986 establishing the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program and the 2011 Supreme Court decision *Bruesewitz et al. vs. Wyeth LLC, FKA Wyeth Inc. et al.* People who experience adverse reactions to vaccines can no longer sue the company who made the product. This is even more alarming when one looks at the profits of the Vaccine Market, \$36.45 Billion in 2018 alone. Vaccines are just like other pharmaceutical products in that they can cause injury and death in some people, and come with contraindications for others. The Package Insert for the MMR vaccine lists the following possible adverse reactions: subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, thrombocytopenia, optic neuritis, hearing loss, immune system suppression, inflammatory bowel disease, juvenile diabetes, atypical measles, anaphylaxis, arthritis, pancreatitis, aseptic meningitis, pneumonia, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, erythema multiforme, and death from various, and in some cases unknown causes. With risks like these, of course individuals and parents should be allowed the opportunity to decide if the risks outweigh the benefits.

Another issue with mandating vaccines is that the CDC's recommended vaccine schedule has become so incredibly bloated. Children today receive 69 doses of vaccines for 16 different viral and bacterial illnesses, which more than doubles

the government's childhood schedule of 34 doses of 11 different vaccines in the year 2000. Thirty-five doses and five more unique vaccines have been added to the schedule in the last 15 years without adequate testing to determine if children's bodies can handle such a toxic load. The fact that this schedule remains unquestioned by a majority of the population is mind-blowing. These are our precious children that we are letting the pharmaceutical companies play Russian roulette with.

Additionally, Dr. William Thompson, a CDC employee-researcher, has come forward recently as a whistleblower, revealing the fact that the CDC has been hiding the truth about vaccine dangers from the public, specifically with regard to MMR vaccine-induced autism. He has revealed that the CDC has committed scientific fraud. This occurred in a 2004 paper published in the journal *Pediatrics*, written by Dr. Thompson and other CDC employees, which hid the finding that the MMR vaccine had caused a 340 percent increased risk of autism in African-American babies. The risks of the MMR vaccine are greater than the risks of having measles. This fact is gradually coming to light.

This bill infringes on our basic rights as American citizens. Allowing the government to force injections of unstudied substances into its population, that have documented risks as serious as death, is the first step on the slippery slope towards fascism. If this bill is passed, I will be forced to quit my job and pull my children out of school because I am absolutely unwilling to subject them to the possible risks that accompany these vaccines. With only one income, my family would struggle financially. The philosophical exemption needs to be preserved for families to have options.

I strongly implore all of the members of this committee to vote NO on HB 3063. I urge you to protect the rights of parents to make decisions on behalf of the best interests of their own children. Please do not allow the United States Government to mandate such an important decision that can have such disastrous and tragic consequences.

Thank you for your time,

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