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Hello,

I am writing to tell you that I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren.

My child had involuntary body movements the night of her 6 months immunizations. I continued to vaccinate at all well baby visits and I even had her little brother vaccinated because our pediatrician continued to tell us everything was normal and I trusted her. We were in the midst of an insane year with 52 visits of occupational therapy, chiropractic care, behavior specialist appointments, ER visits, and allergy specialist appointments. She has a long list of food allergies, eczema, reactive airway disease, ADHD, sensory processing disorder, and anxiety. It became very clear that my daughter was a victim of adverse reactions to her immunizations. My children cannot process immunizations efficiently and this bill would not allow them to attend school.

I believe parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being coerced, and I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status.

Only 2.7% of Oregon schoolchildren currently hold a philosophical or religious exemption, meaning that scientifically we already have high community immunity to disease. Therefore, there's no reason to take away parental rights to those using non-medical exemptions.

There are many reasons parents use those exemptions. Perhaps their child has had a reaction to a vaccination that doesn't qualify for a medical exemption, and so they choose to not longer use that vaccine, even if they use others. Perhaps they are using a spaced out or reduced schedule. They may be a member of a religion (such a Jehovah's Witness), which is morally opposed to the use of vaccination.

There is a lot of gray area that the exemptions allow while still keeping every child healthy and vaccination rates high.

I hope you will not support this bill along with me.

Thank you for reading,

Carla Harris