

My name is Amy Woodward and I urge you to oppose bill HB 3063. As a parent, I believe in the right for a parent to choose whether or not their child(ren) should or should not receive a vaccination based on conscientious, religious or flexible medical beliefs. For a child to be required to receive a vaccination, whether or not the parent agrees, goes against our human rights including freedom of thought, speech, religious belief, and conscience. Our human rights and civil liberties have been valued since the ratification of the Bill of Rights in the US Constitution in 1789. Because vaccines are a pharmaceutical product, they carry a risk of injury or even death, just like any other pharmaceutical product does, therefore, parents should have the right to choose, with informed consent, whether or not they want to have them administered to their child(ren). This is not a matter of to vaccinate or not to vaccinate, this is a matter of freedom for parents to do what they believe is in the best interest of their child(ren). As these liberties slowly get taken away, soon, parents won't be able to be parents and protect their children as they see best. The unvaccinated population is the minority, it seems outrageous to take away every parents' right to choose. I urge you to oppose this bill HB 3063 because it takes away freedoms which we hold dear.

Thank you for taking time to read my concerns as a parent.

Sincerely,

Amy Woodward

Sent from my iPhone

Right now, Oregon and Southwest Washington are seeing first-hand the effects of the current measles outbreak on individuals, families, our caregivers and our community.

This outbreak was preventable. Those who opt out of vaccinating their children put other vulnerable members of the population, including infants and those with compromised immune systems, at greater risk for these preventable infections. This is unacceptable in my opinion.

Despite what you may have heard, vaccines do not cause autism in children. Scientists at the CDC, the Institute of Medicine and other reputable entities have never found a credible link between the use of vaccines and autism in children.

Vaccines save lives! Please support HB 3063!

Thank you,

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