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Dear Representative,

Hello, my name is Dr. Keith Johnston, DC. I am a practicing Chiropractic Physician from Klamath Falls Or. I would like it to be known and be part of the public record that I adamantly oppose the proposed Oregon House Bill 3063, The Mandatory Vaccine Bill.

The following are a short and by no means entire list of reasons I oppose such broad reaching public wide legislation. Let me make one thing abundantly clear. I do not take a pro or anti- vaccine stance. I am for the **RIGHT** to choose. Each person and parent are given that **Right** and should never have the **Right** to choose dictated by one's government. Everyone has the **Right** to educated themselves on both sides of the issue, then make the decision based on what they feel is best for their situation.

HB 3063 is simply a direct violation of our constitution **Right** to free will and choice. The choice on how we manage our own and our children's individual health care decisions are individual in nature and should never be mandated by State or Federal legislation.

HB 3063 is an act of minority discrimination against the anti-vaccination minority population. Considering today's era of political correctness, when any minority group is singled out because of their sex, gender, race, age, sexual preference, or economic situation Oregon's governmental precedent does all it can allow **FREEDOMS** so that a population can gain equality or at the least not be discriminated against as a second-class population. HB 3063 is discriminatory against the 2.6% of the Oregon population who choose not to vaccinate themselves and/or their children. No matter the reason they have made that choice, we cannot have selective inclusion or discrimination.

Referencing the latest argument for mandatory vaccinations because as the media states "We are in the throes of a deadly Measles epidemic" is simply not true and is not backed by scientific fact. According to the Oregon Department of Health as of 2/26/2019 there have been 4 confirmed cases of Measles and 1 case pending in Oregon. There have been **NO** hospitalization and **NO** deaths. Even in Washington State according to Washington State Department of Health there have been 65 total cases, 1 hospitalization, 6 cases are unverified and are believed to be reactions from the MMR vaccine itself or are not known if there were vaccinated, 1 case was vaccinated with the MMR, and **NO** deaths. The fact is according to the CDC's own statistics the Measles virus is not a deadly disease in the USA. This fabricated Measles epidemic is a ploy to scare and influence uniformed, uneducated, unaware, and an uncaring public. There is no way 2.6% of a population can create an epidemic when 97.4% are vaccinated and supposed to immune to such infection.

With all that said HB 3063 is not about Measles. It is about the freedom of choice. Next year, next term, or the next scare will be something else; Mumps, HPV in infants, or acne. See how absurd it can get. To help with the science I have attached a study that looks at the science behind the Measles virus, TRUE herd immunity, and current statics relating to MMR vaccination and non-vaccination.

So, with a passage of HB 3063 what is next? Mandating your choice of religion, gender identity, sexual preference, dietary type choice, or God forbid mandating you surrender all your fire arms (I bet the gun toting NRA types would just roll over for that). Do you see what I am getting at? Mandating vaccination is

a slippery slope down the road to denying our freedom of choice. Our founding fathers made provisions both for the federal government and state governments so this type of governing policy would not and should not exist.

In conclusion, HB 3063 is far too overreaching. Broad reaching public policy like HB 3063 does not consider the individual choice of the patient and/or doctor. It takes away the individual's choice to consider one's individual susceptibility to adverse reactions from vaccines ranging from mild to death. (which by the way are documented by the CDC for each vaccination on the schedule) Or the latest research that is revealing long term, chronic effects, auto-immune disorders, system inflammation, early onset adult degenerative neurological disorders, and early childhood neurological brain developmental disorders. In subsequent letters I will be providing you study's that you can read, study and become educated on the **FULL** picture. In addition, I'll provide scientific fact that an unvaccinated population like we have in Oregon in no way threatens the health of our entire population. (If you choose to do so you will be empowered by these studies).

HB 3063 is an act of discrimination. It discriminates against a minority population and goes directly against Oregon's current policy of limiting inequality and encouraging diversity.

The current Measles scare is just that, a sensationalized pseudo crisis used to create unfounded fear in our social media addicted society.

Limiting individual choice is a slippery slope and is not the job of government. This is especially true when that choice does not harm the populace.

Thank you very much for your time. I want to apologize if at times my tone may have been sarcastic. I am passionate about our freedom of choice and the **RIGHT** of every individual to choose their health care and the health care of their children.

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