

To Whom it May Concern:

I, Hillary Lazinski am writing this letter on behalf of my children and ALL Children and Parent's in the State of Oregon. Each child deserves to be treated equally with the same dignity, respect and has a Right to attend school regardless of their Vaccine status. No child should ever be made to feel excluded school because of a family belief or for any other reason. No child should be denied the basic human Right to Health Freedom. No parent should be shamed, judged or blamed for the very personal choice they make regarding their children's health. I firmly believe that all parents make the best decision they can with their abilities and to the best of their knowledge. Personally, my choice to vaccinate or not was the hardest decision of my life. I did not make this choice lightly or without education. For years, I gathered all the balanced information I could find through books, online and trusted health professionals. Oregon is a relatively very healthy state. Our vaccination rate remains quite high with an unvaccinated rate of only 2.6%. I do not disagree with the science behind vaccines or their ability to protect the public. However I do NOT agree that this should be mandated by the State. That would violate my right to decide what is best for my body and my children's.

I am Pro Vaccine and Pro Choice. I will not argue the importance of Vaccines and science behind them. However, I have safety concerns about the risks and insufficient research on newer vaccine schedules. I feel strongly about it being a deeply personal choice that should not ever be known to others unless you so choose. I personally do not discuss our status with others. While I care deeply about the health of all Oregonians. I do not feel more vaccinations would provide more health and protection. Vaccines do fail at times AND they do carry risks. They CAN harm and Where there is risk there should be choice/consent. I hold a firm belief in the importance of how sacred our bodies are. How they only belong to us and how we choose to care for our body is only for us to decide. Furthermore, In a world where 1 in 5 Girls possibly more are sexually assaulted it feels very valuable to teach children that our bodies are not ever to be touched without our consent.

I urge you to consider how this will affect the 31,000 or more children that would be excluded or forced into something they or their parents do not agree to. The lives that would be disrupted if this Bill were to pass. The funding our already struggling schools would lose for children who would be excluded immediately.

I thank you for your time and careful consideration.
Sincerely,

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