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Subject: HB 3063
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Dear Oregon Legislators, members of the Health House Care Committee,

As a constituent of District 37, I am writing to you regarding the proposed bill HB-3063. I would like to respectfully ask you to please consider the following before deciding whether this bill enters a work session.

This bill is at its core not about whether or not to vaccinate but rather whether the state can mandate a medical procedure. Personal freedom and civil liberties are basic rights to every Oregonian. Parents have a fundamental right to healthcare decisions and choices on behalf of their children without governmental interference, regardless of whether those choices are based on medical necessity, scientific research, religious values or philosophical beliefs.

Giving the state the right to mandate vaccines and violating the freedoms parents have to make personal medical decisions is not something that the majority of Oregonians want. As a legislator of the state of Oregon, you have a duty to uphold civil liberties and parental rights.

By keeping the law as it is currently written, you will continue to protect the individual belief systems and the right to make choices based on those values.

Vaccination is a medical procedure. We all know vaccines save lives yet we must admit that in some cases they cause irreparable harm. We cannot and should not take a one size fits all approach. While they are highly effective and beneficial for most, other children suffer lifelong side effects. If [the vaccines](#) were 100% safe and effective for all children then I ask you to consider why have pharmaceutical companies been granted immunity from prosecution? Furthermore, why did the US government form a special, separate court system that has awarded over 3 billion dollars in damages caused by vaccines? The fact is that vaccines can cause damage and the government agrees by settling these cases. I cannot think of one other product or company that has been given this type of government protection.

Imagine for a moment if a car seat manufacturer or a baby crib manufacturer had this level of protection as well as a "special" court that doesn't cost them anything for the damages they have caused. The thought of that is quite preposterous.

Because of these risks as well as basic liberties, parents should have the freedom to make decisions in conjunction with their doctor to decide what is right for their family.

The patient-doctor relationship is crucial and is based on mutual trust, collaboration and individualized treatment. Mandating vaccinations violates the privacy of medical care between families and their physicians. Every patient has the right to make their own health choices and choices for their minor children. In Oregon, despite what is often reported in the mainstream media, there are excellent vaccination rates. The data collecting / reporting methods for vaccination rates are archaic and frankly skewed. In reality, Oregon meets or exceeds national averages for vaccination rates for every vaccine on the schedule.

Additionally, an exaggerated "exemption" rate counts children who receive 22 out of 23 vaccines as "unvaccinated." And lastly, in the recent measles media circus, Oregon has had ONE confirmed case of measles; one in nearly 4 million people. This hardly constitutes a state of emergency.

Please think critically and thoughtfully before proceeding with this bill.

By voting to advance HB-3063 to a work session you will be voting for the removal of parental rights in medical decisions for their children. You will be handing the pharmaceutical industry a captive audience that will not have the right to say 'no' nor sue them if lifelong injury or death ensues. You will change the face of Oregon forever. This proposed bill is myopic and misguided in its vision and represents tyrannical government crushing the rights of parents to have a say in the medical care of their children.

In conclusion, please understand that I believe vaccinations are important and protective. But they cannot be mandates; a parent must give consent. Please don't schedule HB 3063 for a work session, don't force all legislators to vote on an issue that divides the base that elected a Democratic supermajority. Do not force a single one-size-fits-all-children approach on medical choices that belong with families.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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