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**Testimony in strong opposition to HB3063**

Dear Members of the House Committee On Health Care,

As an Oregon citizen and as a parent, I would like to express my *strong* opposition to the HB3063 that will mandate all Oregonians to immunize their children or be deprived of the right to attend a public school or child care. As members of the House Committee on Health Care and as fellow Americans who care for individual human rights and freedom, I urge you to, **please, withdraw your support for HB3063 and vote NO on this bill** violating the most basic human rights.

I strongly believe that all medical procedures must be consensual. The state has no right to force or coerce the citizens to have any medical procedure performed on them or their children. HB3063 will clearly take away the parent's right to a free and informed consent to a medical procedure on their children by threatening to prohibit the child from attending a public school or a child care. HB3063 also violates the right of children to education and contradicts the Oregon law requiring all children to attend school. It is ridiculous to suggest that *healthy* unvaccinated children present a threat to public health while, for example, children with tuberculosis, AIDS, or viral meningitis can still attend school.

HB3063 not only violates our freedom as citizens of the United States, but also violates international law such as UNESCO "Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights" which says in Article 6:

**Article 6 – Consent**

1. Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information. The consent should, where appropriate, be express and may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice.

This bill will create a background for unnecessary litigation resulting in a huge waste of the state funds.

In any industry, with any consumer product, when there is a slightest risk of injury, there will be a whole slew of disclaimers and consent forms that consumer is required to sign. But when it comes to vaccines, disclaimers are discouraged and consent instead of being explicitly required, is explicitly denied. Why?

Benjamin Franklin has famously said: "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." This quote is frequently applied in many different contexts. In this context, I'm concerned that in our zeal to protect public health by limiting personal freedom, we will both lose our freedom and inadvertently damage the public health as well.

Please, do not let our beloved Oregon to turn into a totalitarian state!

About myself. I am not an “uneducated anti-vaxxer”. I have two post-graduate degrees, in physics and in electrical engineering. My wife has a degree in teaching and has graduated a law school. She comes from a family of medical doctors. Before writing this testimony, we both have researched this topic for years. I am not against vaccines. I am against the idea that the government can mandate our health decisions. Nobody should need to beg government for permission to make personal choices concerning their health and the health of their children.

Sincerely,

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