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*To All that are considering passing the HB 3063 bill,*

*I would like you to know a little about me and my family before I get into why I am writing to you. I am an Oregonian and a mother of 5 beautiful children one of which I lost in a tragic car accident in July. Our sweet boy, Gavynn, was 20 years old and taken from us way too soon. I have been a Real Estate Broker for 14 years and my husband has been a Manager of a plasma donation center for 12 years. Our family has struggled with many health issues for the last 8 years. Many of us have autoimmune disease which displays different symptoms for each of us. If it's not one person it's another in our family that isn't well. Two of our boys (11,7) have been diagnosed and treated for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal. Symptoms have ranged from facial tics, extreme sudden rage, age digression, OCD, separation anxiety just to name a few. Basically this is caused by inflammation of the brain. One has many food allergies with eggs and peanuts being the most severe. Our youngest (5) has Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome and Hydronephrosis of the kidneys that was diagnosed during my pregnancy and that has had to be monitored since birth. I have Celiac Disease, Ulcerative Colitis & Lyme Disease. I promise there is a reason that I want you to know our medical and family history....*

*This preceding information is very important with regards to legislation removing non-medical exemptions here in Oregon, and I would like to explain why I oppose this bill. It is my understanding that your intentions for this bill are to protect children from illness and death, however, I would urge you to try to see things from a different perspective. From the prospective of a very concerned mother of young children with already compromised immune systems and autoimmune disease. Every single vaccine carries a risk of serious side effects - a fact listed on the CDC website. Here is a brief list of some of the potential side effects of childhood vaccines, according to the CDC:*

*Seizures  
High fever, above 105\*  
Permanent brain damage  
Deafness  
Joint-pain  
Pneumonia  
Encephalitis  
Meningitis  
Death*

*Despite the many autoimmune issues we have and full support from our doctors not to vaccinate we may remain ineligible for medical exemptions, due to the strict criteria that must be met by the state and the CDC.*

*To me, removing non-medical exemptions would be a form of coercion, by threatening to remove a child from school if parents do not comply. Withholding the opportunity for a child to receive a public education is wrong. My family is not in a position to home school nor do I feel remotely qualified to do so. As a tax payer, my children deserve a right to an education and as a parent I have a right to decide if I want to vaccinate my children... Especially if (based on my many years of research it is very likely) they may cause more harm to my children.*

*I urge you to reconsider your stance on this bill as it will impact so many lives.*

*Kind regards,*

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