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Dear Oregon Representatives,

I am one of your constituents and a resident of Williams, Oregon. I am also the mother of a ten year old child.

I am writing because I STRONGLY oppose House Bill 3063, which would eliminate non-medical vaccination exemptions for school children in Oregon.

This bill is not in keeping with our values as Oregonians.

Where there is a risk of injury or death, no matter how small the perceived risk may be, THERE MUST BE A CHOICE.

To mandate a medical procedure with known risks is medically and morally unethical.

Parental choice and true informed consent regarding health and medical decisions are essential. Vaccines carry risks of adverse reactions that are well known by the manufacturers and listed in vaccine inserts. Any medical procedure that carries a risk of an adverse reaction should never be mandated.

Bill 3063 is a response to the recent media hysteria over the handful of measles cases in WA and OR rather than common sense public health concerns.

During the recent "outbreak" there was one hospitalization and no deaths. There have been 11 documented deaths in the US due to measles since 1999. This is not a national or state emergency. We already have in place effective health measures to treat viral illnesses and to prevent deaths. Measles is a well known and understood childhood illness, with clear protocols for treating.

Vaccination rates have not dropped in Oregon in the past 20 years. Currently only 2.5% of Oregon school children are fully unvaccinated.

The pharmaceutical companies that manufacture vaccines have NO LIABILITY for any injuries or deaths that occur due to their vaccines. The current vaccine schedule is not backed by rigorous, objective scientific studies and review. This is unacceptable and a real threat to our children's health!

Are you aware that over 20,000 people have reported injury or death due to The Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS) the past 30 years? (This only takes into account official cases of reported vaccine injury and death. There are many thousands more that have gone unreported.) \$4 billion has been paid to 4,172 victims of vaccine injury and death by the US government since 1988.

My own child has a history of autoimmune issues and allergies, enough of which are contraindicated for some vaccines. We have had many discussions with my son's health care providers and have chosen not to vaccinate him after carefully considering the risks for

someone with his predispositions. I am now left fearing that our carefully thought out choices will not be honored, and he will be forced to leave school if this bill passes.

I will not risk my son's health . I will choose to withdraw him from school rather than expose him to a considerable health risk of being vaccine compliant with the current vaccine schedule that is proposed.

I love living in Oregon. I have lived here for over 30 years, and until this bill, have never considered living anywhere else. If this bill passes, we will be seriously considered moving to another state where our right to have a say over our child's health is respected.

Please stop House Bill 3063.

Thank you for considering this matter and how much it will impact our schools and communities.

Sincerely,  
Corbin Brashear