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To Whom it May Concern Regarding HB3063:

I am completely against the passing of this bill, and the passing of it would have serious consequences for my family. My family has already left California after SB277 passed, and my kids are now thriving in their public school here in Oregon. Both of my children are neurologically sensitive, but one of them has full-blown and uncontrolled epilepsy. He likely would not qualify for a medical exemption under current CDC guidelines, and I would not willingly tax his already-fragile system with ingredients that have NOT been proven to be safe for children (no long-term tests have ever been done, and most researchers in this area have conflicts of interest), and which have potential side effects of seizures. If you've ever seen your child shaking, unresponsive, and not breathing on the floor during a seizure, not knowing if they are going to survive, you would understand my concerns. Thankfully I chose to not vaccinate my children as babies, and I believe this decision saved them from developing infantile spasms, which as you may know are very difficult to treat and often have lifelong debilitating effects.

Furthermore, if my child *were* to suffer an adverse reaction, injury, or death due to a vaccine, neither the doctor nor the pharmaceutical companies could be held liable. As a parent, this puts the burden of liability on myself, and I should be able to choose whether or not my child has that medical procedure. Additionally, the research shows, according to the VAERS website, that deaths due to MMR in this country far surpass the number of deaths due to measles during the past 20 years. It is obvious to me that forced vaccination does not make sense in a free and increasingly sick nation. I only want what is best for my children, as do you.

This bill would put many vulnerable children in a position to be harmed by vaccines, and force many families to leave our beloved homes here in Oregon, having to seek health freedom and safety elsewhere. Our life with a medically compromised child is difficult enough, and I don't want to have to now choose between having to homeschool him or move (again). Please vote against this bill!

Thank you for your time,
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