

Dear Committee Members;

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HB 3063. I believe that this legislation is not only unwarranted, it is unethical in its nature. Measles outbreaks are uncommon and, in developed countries such as this, do not pose a threat to human life. In other words, people are not dying of measles in the United States of America. Measles is a benign infection and can be easily treated. After it is contracted, the person almost always fully recuperates and is then made immune for life. Additionally, females can pass on antibodies to their infant children. Recent scientific studies have shown that contracting infectious diseases in childhood can actually be beneficial, reducing the risk of cancer and other autoimmune diseases.

I and thousands of others of educated, informed citizens do not want the government to mandate medical procedures for ourselves or our minor children. This is an extremely dangerous and draconian route to take. Unfortunately, the pharmaceutical lobby has become the largest in the nation by far, and it has a vested interest in mandating its products, especially ones that are free from liability. This cartel also has its stranglehold on the mainstream media, with approximately 70 percent of advertising paid for by drug companies. News outlets, then, are often biased in their reporting.

It is also important to note that science is ever evolving. Cutting edge research takes an estimated 17 years to reach the common person and even the "expert" doctor. Our pundits are not infallible, and there is a long list of examples when the status quo expert opinions of the day, the advice given out by government and medical establishment alike, was later deemed not only erroneous, but often harmful; even, at times, fatal.

Please, do not give this bill a hearing. It belongs in the shredder. We need a strong Oregon that protects medical freedom, not one that oppresses the people under the tyranny of pharmaceutical mandates. Vaccination is not without risk. This is undeniable, as the U.S. Supreme Court has deemed vaccines "unavoidably unsafe." Vaccinations have been shown to increase the risk of autoimmune diseases in many who are susceptible, and it is often hard to predict how one will react beforehand.

The risk vs. benefit ratio, therefore, should be an individual decision best left to the parents and their healthcare provider. A one size fits all approach is not suited to a population that has various genetic and epigenetic markers, health histories and biological tendencies. It is simply not intelligent, nor can it be called "modern" medicine.

Population surveys often show that unvaccinated children are healthier than their vaccinated peers. They are not harbingers of disease; they are thriving, valuable citizens that deserve the same rights as anyone else, and that includes a right to an education.

I believe this state has a long list of important issues that our time and resources could be better spent on. There is no measles crisis in Oregon. There is no crisis of infectious disease, period. The term "herd immunity" is used to justify forcing the minority into compliance. In reality, it is impossible to achieve herd immunity with vaccination because their efficacy wears off after a number of years. Vaccines are not a silver bullet or a failproof safeguard. They are a manmade product invented decades ago that have been proven to actually be quite dangerous. They are often improperly stored, and many have been found to be contaminated. Many people do have fundamental philosophical and religious objections to being injected -- their very bodily integrity compromised -- by the many questionable ingredients

included in vaccines. Others believe that the ingredients, such as heavy metals, can cause brain damage, and this has shown to be the case by PhD researchers such as Dr. Stephanie Seneff.

Vaccines should be available to those who choose them, but they should never be mandated. This is gross, unnecessary overreach, and should not be tolerated by those we entrusted to public office. Please ensure that our freedom, and our rights to medical choice and bodily integrity are kept in place, and voice your opposition to HB 3063. Thank you.

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