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Committee Members,

I oppose HB3063.

My name is April Ray. I have lived in Seaside, Oregon for 15 years.

I will get right to the point since your time is valuable.

My daughter is vaccine injured. Because of vaccines she now has rheumatoid arthritis. We never thought she would be able to have a baby, but miraculously a year and a half ago, she had a little boy. The baby's doctor has advised against the baby having vaccines because the problem seems to be genetic since I also have problems with vaccines. We have talked to a number of doctors and they tell us that you cannot get a medical exemption in Oregon. You have had to almost die from a vaccine to get a medical exemption. So even though the doctors feel that Dutch should not have vaccines, we cannot get a medical exemption.

So if you take away the religious and philosophical exemptions, my daughter, along with many other women will have to quit their jobs and homeschool. In this letter I am focusing on medical reasons, but the religious and philosophical objections are also very valid. People who are against abortion do not want aborted fetal cells injected into their body—an ingredient that many vaccines contain.

I know the committee feels that having kids vaccinated protects the immunocompromised children who cannot get vaccinated. I do not feel this is a valid argument for these reasons:

First of all the "outbreak" in our area was started by a community where someone had recently been to the Ukraine. Also, schools are not the place for immunocompromised children. I won't get into details, but there is a child at my daughters' school who has a very infectious disease. His right to an education comes before the health and safety of other children. I was also a special education teacher and we were informed by the school nurse about many diseases that kids had. Many of those were highly contagious. Again the rights of those children to an education were protected. When my daughter went back to work we went to visit many childcare facilities. We were told by one of the daycare owners, that if they have a baby in daycare that has AIDs, the other parents are not told. This means that all the children there are at risk as it is hard to protect young children from bodily fluids.

I know that a lot of children get vaccines and they are fine. But I am allergic to sulfa drugs and if I took them I could die. However, they heal lots of people so every body is different and reacts in different ways to the same medicines. Just as drug warnings list side effects from the drugs, some people experience those side effects and others do not.

These parents who do not want to vaccinate are not trying to be difficult. They really believe that vaccines will injure their children. This is not a misconception as vaccines HAVE injured many children. Because companies that manufacture vaccines take no responsibility for injuries, the United States government has had to pay out a lot of money for these injuries.

In the last 10 years there have been no deaths from measles. There have been 108 deaths from the MMR vaccine.

Parents need to maintain the right to make these decisions for their children. Non-vaccinated children have the right to a free education in our country. As stated before we give rights for a free education to many children that have serious medical and emotional issues that could actually really endanger other students. Please don't take away the right of the parent to make this decision.

Thank you,

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