

Dear Ms. Salinas,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email in regards to HB 3036. I urge you to vote no on the bill for several reasons.

-The vague language of the medical requirement is concerning, lines 19 through 21 state that for a medical exemption.

*"A document signed by a physician or a representative of the local health department stating that the child should be exempted from receiving specified immunization because of indicated medical diagnosis"*

In my reading of this language it states that issue has already occurred for the diagnosis to be given. Thereby eliminating parental judgement, family medical history and other compelling information that may lead a parent to not have their children vaccinated.

-It eliminates personal choice of the parent. There is no ability for the parent to make decisions about when or when not to have their children vaccinated and which vaccine. My wife when in college was diagnosed Crohn's disease and after researching it further based on family history recommended her younger brother not have the vaccine. With this law personal choice would have eliminated and the choice then becomes risk it or be home schooled. Based on this family history and medical conditions I would never give my children the MMR vaccine.

-As a father it amazes me that my wife and I could have had our children aborted. Torn in asunder in the womb as a matter of choice and reproductive health. However, that same choice to rear, raise and do what is best for our children in all matters including health would now be removed. It seems like an extreme example but this erosion of personal freedom is extreme.

-I have been vaccinated in childhood, for work and for travel. Given the opportunity, I would not do it again. I believe that I have personally had reactions to vaccines based on life events and I have seen too many others react severely to vaccines to the point of laying in bed for months on life support.

-This bill does eliminate and attack religious freedom in the state of Oregon. You may or may not agree with it however some are personally convicted by their religious beliefs that vaccines are a sin and against what they can morally do. What is their choice, home school? Where is religious freedom in this bill?

-This bill is the nuclear option, it is home school or forced vaccination. I would say that given that choice, my wife and I will most likely home school if this bill passes. This bill does not reflect the values of a democracy. It infringes upon personal freedoms, mandates based on hysteria and leaves people in a catch twenty-two.

-I ask not that we do not vaccinate, but I ask that they be made safe and proven safe with all ingredients. I ask that those ingredients be made clean and pure. Lastly I ask that as a parent I be left to freely parent my child as I see fit.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely

Carl Koester