

My name is Jennifer and I am a mother of 5 as well as a registered nurse of 17 years. I strongly oppose HB 3063!

As a mother I parent my children with lots of love, trust and respect. I have instilled the the importance of education, and I have thought them to never take information at face value. I have taught them to question everything. To look at both sides of the information and then make a decision based on the research they have looked at. I have taught them most importantly, to stand up for what they believe it right.....no matter what.

As a nurse I practice on the foundation of informed consent. I believe that everything we do and put into our bodies comes with a price. Weather it is a surgery, a medication for hypertension or a vaccine, there are consequences. I believe it is essential to give patients the pros and cons of all treatments so they can make an informed decision.

HB 3063 will remove all non medical vaccine exemptions. This is not a fight between the “vaxxers and the non-vaxxers” or the science or lack of science for vaccine effectiveness, or the side effects. This is about taking away individual liberty and freedom which is what America was founded on. NO person or child should be injected with a medication that has side effects without their consent. NO parent should be forced to choose between vaccines or school. That is an blatant overstepping of state government that should not be tolerated. We as Oregonians believe that education is the right of every child..... except those that are not following the government mandated schedule that is a one size fits all?!

I have heard both sides of this issue from many parents. Many of these parents are very educated, loving and involved parents. The CDC did a study in 2005 on the type of parents that are refusing or delaying their child’s vaccine schedules. They found three common qualities. These parents were educated, prominent members of the community and involved parents. Passing this bill will not change the minds of the parents who are making an informed decision for their children. It will only punish these children and discriminate against them by not allowing them to attend school.

Thank-you for your time and listening to my concern.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer Carey