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I am submitting my testimony in Opposition of HB 3063 as I feel this bill violates many Constitutional and Universal Human Rights of US Citizens who don't wish to utilize vaccines ("pharmaceutical products") for religious or conscientious reasons.

**I would like to start by pointing out that it appears to me as if the vaccines, and herd immunity, are working. The recent measles outbreak has not spread like wildfire, nor have there been any serious complications reported. On this basis I absolutely do not understand the need to encroach on children's educations in a coercive effort to sell more pharmaceutical products.**

I was born and raised in Portland, OR as a Christian Scientist. As you may know, Christian Scientists do not utilize allopathic/pharmaceutical medicine as readily as the average person, any many choose not to at all, based on our religious teachings and convictions. My God provides health and vitality and I do not need nor desire pharmaceutical products.

I object to the injection of pharmaceutical products based on my religious beliefs.

Growing up I learned in public school that this great country was founded on the ideals of Freedom of Religion. It is the very first amendment to the Constitution because this principle was and remains so important. I find it absurd that I have to write my government to remind them of my fundamental rights to not be coerced into injecting myself or my family with a pharmaceutical products, regardless of religious convictions.

In my opinion it is not possible to see HB 3063 as being anything *but* discriminatory toward my, and many others', religious and conscientious beliefs. Beliefs that are wholly protected by both the US Constitution (specifically amendments 1, 5, and 14) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (with special attention to articles 18 and 26).

I hope these passages help you understand that the State has NO RIGHT to mandate my family to violate our relationship with our God, not for any purpose, but especially not to push private-industry products!

I have included the passages that I find most pertinent to the inhumanity that HB 3063 represents. I have added some thoughts after some of the passages, those remarks are *italicized*.

1. Constitution of the United States of America

- Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

#### Amendment 5

“No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.”

*Mandating vaccinations absolutely deprives my family from their rights to life, liberty, and due process; and effectively places the rights of others above our rights.*

#### Amendment 14

All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall ... deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

## 2. Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

### Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

### Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, **without distinction of any kind.**

*A “yes” vote for HB 3063 is advocating for the persecution of those with religious and philosophical ideals which do not align with the pharmaceutical industry.*

### Article 7

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

*What part of “all” do the sponsors of this bill not understand?*

## Article 12

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation.

*Can religious persecution by the state really be seen as anything other than interference with my privacy and family, and an attack on our honor and reputation?*

## Article 18

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

(See Article 2:

*Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, **without distinction of any kind.**)*

## Article 26

(1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

*My kids not only have a right to an education, but an elementary education is compulsory. This creates an absolutely coercive situation for parents with young children. It is even more coercive for parents who absolutely cannot afford to homeschool.*

(2) Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. **It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups**, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

*HB 3063 sets a really great example of religious persecution, which is contrary to the spirit of the education our children are entitled to.*

## Article 30

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

*This means you may not use the rights of others as an excuse to discriminate against the rights of some. Preserving existing exemptions is the only non-discriminatory answer.*

A 'YES' vote on HB 3063 is an unprecedented assault on the rights of citizens who have done nothing but peacefully exercise their rights to freedom of religion and conscience.

A "NO" vote maintains religious freedom, upholds Basic Human Rights, and foregoes setting a dangerous precedent.

PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON HB 3063 AND SAY "NO" TO RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN OREGON.