

Representatives of the House Health Care Committee,

Regarding **House Bill 3063**: Firstly, please note that I am writing you regardless of any opinion on whether or not vaccinations cause autism. I believe that, quite frequently, the conversation begins and ends there while completely missing other important factors.

As I am sure you are already aware, science is ever changing. Doctors especially must constantly study a steady stream of new information. This is true as well in the field of epigenetics where we are just beginning to understand the intricacies of our genome and its interactions with the world around us. For example, we've only recently started studying genes such as **C677T** and **A1298C** which link to Methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (**MTHFR**). Some of the recent research indicates that there are negative interactions between the adjuvants contained in vaccinations and these genes. I have discussed this mutation with multiple doctors and the response is simply '*they don't know what it means yet*'. I must absolutely stress the importance of the fact that the field of vaccinations is not "settled science" as some claim, and this is only one of many examples I could provide. These bills effectively turn the general public into guinea pigs, causing irreparable damage to children and families.

Additionally, these bills will hurt this state fiscally. Especially the already hurting public school system. California has recently enacted similar measures which has caused a mass exodus of children from the public school system as parents are now opting to homeschool. Simply put, this creates an ultimatum – vaccinate or homeschool – which equates to a smaller budget and frankly, even less faith in our government. **Over 31,000 students have filed for non-medical exemptions** alone and that is not an insignificant number. Consider also the fact that exemptions are essentially binary in this state. You are either compliant with all 31 of 31 required vaccines, or - if you miss even one – you are non-compliant. A parent with moral, ethical or actual legitimate health concerns regarding 1 of those 31 vaccines is now forced to choose – dismiss all your concerns regarding the vaccine or homeschool. Even though they are otherwise compliant.

Furthermore, it is **an egregious affront to religious liberties** to remove non-medical exemptions. These bills completely discount the beliefs of anyone with moral objections, again, even if it's to only 1 of the 31 mandated vaccinations. In many ways this is the state requiring that an individual have a state-approved set of morals or religious beliefs.

I also highly object to the precedent that these bills set. As stated previously, this is not "*settled science*". More and more vaccines are being created, some on expeditious timelines. There are even vaccines on the horizon that are targeted at adults. It is not a far stretch to imagine mandated vaccinations for adults, including inoculations like the influenza shot which more and more adults are opposed to due to a complete and apparent lack of efficacy revealed in recent studies. Bills such as these open the door to mandating not only an increasing amount of vaccines but other medical treatments as well.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter.

Regards,
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