

Dear Committee,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my email. My name is Kathryn Reeves. I am a mother of 3 amazing children and we reside in Portland, OR. I currently homeschool two of my children while my 3rd attends a preschool.

I would like to express my opposition to HB3063. There are many reasons why I oppose this bill and I will try to keep it short.

I started out as a vaccinating mother. I had no reason to believe otherwise and had not done much (any) study on my own to check the safety of the vaccines.

When my first born was 7 months old, I got her the DTaP vaccine. Within 24 hours she had high fever, screaming pain, severe upper-respiratory trouble and seizures. I was told by my doctor that these reactions can happen with the vaccines and Mackenzie seems to be getting more severe reactions than are usual, but we will "monitor her". For NINE days she had a fever of 103 - 105, and was constantly screaming, coughing, hyperventilating, having breathing difficulties, etc. I was terrified. After 9 days the nightmare was over.

Within a week, the respiratory issues, anxiety hyperventilation, breathing difficulties and seizures started coming back. My husband and I dreaded any sound of a cough or wheeze as we knew that we were in for several nights of terror. I was told this is a severe form of Croup, and that some kids get bad Croup that this can last until they are 3 or 4. When she was 4 ½, she was still getting the episodes and one time, after having a seizure, checked out and was taken away by ambulance, kept in the hospital for 2 days on oxygen and steroids. By the age of 7 she was only getting episodes every couple of months instead of weeks. Now, nearly 10, she has not had an episode for a year (knock on wood).

Needless to say -- when this first started 9 years ago, I stopped vaccinations cold turkey and began an extensive research into the field to find out for myself what happened with my child.

I oppose this bill because no vaccine on the market has been through a double blinded placebo study which is the standard for medications on the market. The excuse is that those studies would be unethical but what is really unethical is the fact that there are government officials out there who want to force us to inject our children with products that have NOT been properly tested for safety.

I oppose this bill because the current vaccine schedule has not been tested for safety cumulatively.

I oppose this bills because there are no regulations in regards to vaccine production and manufactures cannot be held accountable for injuries.

I oppose this bills because over 4 billion dollars have been paid through the vaccine injury court with many families still fighting. If I would have known about this court 9 years ago -- we would have been one of those families.

I oppose the bill because the claim that science has proved vaccines to be safe and effective is based on "science" that is lacking safety studies and it includes studies that have been **falsified as admitted by several including Dr William Thompson (CDC), Dr Andrew Zimmerman, Stephen A. Krahling and Joan A. Wlochowski (Merck).**

I oppose this bill because vaccine injury is NOT rare and only an estimated 1% of vaccine injuries are being reported according to the Department of Health and Human Services. Parents are often ridiculed and dismissed by medical professionals who either don't believe that vaccines can be harmful or that there is no connection with the child's reaction and the vaccine. Professionals who do acknowledge the connection tell us to get philosophical exemptions because they don't feel comfortable issuing medical exemptions due to the pressures from authorities they face. The requirement to obtain a medical exemption are rigorous, in fact in Oregon, some of the toughest in the nation. Even children with genetic mutations that make it difficult to detox from the heavy metals and adjuvants, those with autoimmune diseases, allergies and parents like us who suffered vaccine injury, don't qualify for medical exemptions.

I have chosen at this juncture to not vaccinate my children. I think if others feel it's right, then they SHOULD vaccinate their children. But I firmly believe that choice should be made by the parent, not by the government regulation on family and medicine. And full informed consent and release should be mandatory for any vaccinating.

I do not have a medical exemption. I will not vaccinate my children as I am certain as a mother I would be putting them in the gravest danger. This bill would prevent my children from getting the education I intend for them to receive.

I oppose this bill because it coerces parents who cannot home-school due to various reasons to inject their children with substances that have been deemed by the Supreme Court as "unavoidably unsafe".

I oppose this bill because the body of my child belongs to my child and NOT the government.

I oppose this bill because I support medical consent and medical freedom.

Please take this all into consideration. There are hundreds of thousands of us out there with similar stories -- in Oregon alone. Our lives and our families matter too.

Respectfully,

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