

To the Members of the Health Care Committee

Regarding: Bill 3063

I am writing to request that you vote no to Bill 3063! This bill limits the rights of every parent to choose what is best for their child. To vote otherwise tells parents you think you know what is best for their child. If this goes through then even the child's primary care provider may not be able to decide on a medical exemption if it doesn't fit a predetermined diagnostic category.

I recognized the federal government and the media are taking a look at Oregon as one of the states that currently allows Parental rights regarding health choices for their children including vaccinations. Please stand up to this criticism on behalf of our children. I am be proud to live in a state that has made decisions to value parental rights regarding their children's health. Please keep our state this way!

My journey around vaccinations began when a friend called in the middle of the night after their 6 month child received the Dtap earlier that day. This infant had an incessant high pitch scream I could hear on the phone. The parents were desperate. There was no easy fix or medicine they could give to stop this screaming. What a wake up call. Since then I have met numerous parents that have had children with adverse reactions. It has brought me on a 14 year journey with my own children and regular research and education on vaccinations. One of my children received a Dtap vaccination and had excruciating muscle pain for several days that kept her up most of the night. This pain wasn't lessened by medication.

PLEASE OPEN MY ATTACHMENT ON MMR WARNINGS. Parents must request this insert and it is given only after the vaccination. Please look at it. Parents should be informed of these risks before a vaccination and have the ability to choose whether to vaccinate or not given what a parent knows about their child, their family history and their beliefs.

Some of my concerns:

1. The pharmaceutical companies are not held liable.
2. There are inadequate studies on vaccination safety.
3. HPV should not be a required vaccination. Families should be educated about the risks but not forced to have their children vaccinated on a lifestyle issue.
4. Vaccine injuries are real as seen by compensation given for injury. Every vaccine comes with a risk. A risk parents should determine is ok for their particular children.
5. A decision made now that eliminates parental choice will affect choice on any future vaccinations.

Please note. In spite of how parents are portrayed, it is my experience that parents who are choosing not to vaccinate their children do this with much thought. The parents I know who are allowed choice regarding when, what, and if they will vaccination their child are very conscientious regarding informing others about any onset of a child's cold symptoms and keeping their child away from vulnerable populations. They do all they can so that harm doesn't come to others.

I realize you have pressure from you from all directions. Our children's health is in your hands right now with the decision you make. Please keep it in our, the parents, hands.

**PLEASE VOTE NO ON BILL 3063**

Sincerely,

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