

My name is Agnieszka Navarrete, Corvallis OR resident. I'm opposing HR3063.

Several people in support of the bill mentioned the immunocompromised and cancer patients during the public hearing of HB3063.

Before starting my own business, I worked in the medical field where I had the opportunity to work with many immunocompromised people, cancer patients, terminally ill patients etc. on a frequent basis. Based on several heartbreaking testimonies I heard in support of this bill, vaccines seem to give those patients/people a false sense of security and that is so concerning to me. One thing I learned during my time in the medical field is that a simple cold can kill someone with an immunocompromised system. As a mother with some professional and self-acquired medical knowledge of the diseases out there, the last thing I would do is take my immunocompromised child out into the public where exposure to illness is literally everywhere. The last thing I would do is send my child into a school where I know that children are constantly sick with diseases not preventable by vaccines and where children are shedding viruses from live vaccines like the MMR and chickenpox. The last thing I would do is send my child to a school where I know that children receive a vaccine which can make them an asymptomatic carrier of pertussis. Just take the current California pertussis outbreak as an example. 100% are fully vaccinated. How many are asymptomatic carriers?

A simple cold can kill. This bill will NOT protect the immunocompromised children in the school setting or anywhere. It will NOT protect the cancer patient. Immunocompromised individuals and their guardians should NOT rely on the public to protect them. They can't. This ideology is dangerous for them. The public would NOT protect them even if the vaccine rates were at 100%. Disease is everywhere.

Thank you.