

February 27, 2019

Attn: House Committee on Health Care, Oregon State  
RE: HB 3063

Dear Representative Helt and The House Committee on Health Care,

My name is Ashley James and my husband is Cole James. We are constituents from Bend, Oregon and we are writing to voice our strong opposition to HB-3063.

The majority of Oregonians believe in medical freedom and don't agree that vaccines should be mandated (according to polls conducted in 2015).

First, the expression that vaccines are "safe and effective" fails to acknowledge that vaccines are the only medical product that are not held to the same safety standards as all other medical devices and products.

There have not been double-blind placebo-controlled studies on vaccines, nor has the development of this product advanced enough to look at the long-term effects the current CDC recommended schedule has on the health of our children and the role genetics and immunobiology play in their safety.

Today's children are the sickest generation this country has seen.

Asthma, [food allergies](#), [autism](#), learning disabilities, developmental delays, [sensory processing disorders](#), and autoimmune conditions are all on the rise.

My husband and I are concerned that it is no coincidence that our children's health has declined as the number of recommended vaccines has increased. We require three-fold more vaccines than when we were children.

The science must look at how all these factors interplay.

**We do not yet know the precise reason certain individuals are susceptible to vaccine injury, but to say vaccine injury doesn't occur is incorrect.**

Yet the pharmaceutical companies cannot be held liable for these injuries.

Where is the justice in that?

Making tax payers pay millions of dollars for these injuries is wrong.

**How can we mandate the administration of a product that may cause harm all the while making the public pay for the damage?**

What other industry is exempt from litigation when things go wrong?

Perhaps most importantly, we must acknowledge that **government is overstepping its boundaries here and interjecting itself into the private lives of its citizens and their rights to medical freedom.**

Individualized medicine is what will heal our nation.

To believe that everyone's detox pathways and immune system act the same is a fallacy.

The human body is a complex and intricate system and must not be treated as a machine.

Furthermore, **this bill (HB-3063) is discriminatory and deprives children of their right to an education.**

The parents of children who vaccinate on an alternative schedule or not at all are well educated and informed and are quite convicted in their decision.

These people are not going to change their minds if this bill becomes law and take their kids to the doctor to get "up to date" on shots.

Rather, these families will move out of the state and Oregon schools will lose money.

We can look to California for an example of this predicament: after [California passed a law to mandate vaccines](#) for entry into school (SB-277), hundreds of thousands of families left.

Many California families who opposed medical mandates came to Oregon.

What this translates to, in a state where the public-school system is already underfunded and underperforming, is a loss of \$400,000,000+ annually, as there are more than 31,000 exemptions on file, with each student estimated to cost \$13k ([source](#)).

It's also important to mention the data here:

**Vaccination rates in Oregon have not changed over the last few decades.**

According to the CDC's National Immunization Survey, there has been no change in the percentage of children who received one or more MMR vaccines from 2013 through 2017, holding steady at around 91.5% with no statistically significant changes for the past 5 years.

Children who are unvaccinated make up less than 1% of all children and pose no threat to achieving herd immunity.

**I encourage you to focus your desire to protect kids in a different fashion: demand true vaccination safety studies, make manufacturers liable, and take big pharm lobbyists out of the government.**

Please take the time to confirm your receipt of my email as well as your position on HB3063 and how you will vote.

If you are in need of additional information or resources as to why HB3063 must NOT be passed, I would be happy to be of assistance.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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