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To the Chief Sponsors, and Regular Sponsors of House bill 3063: Representative Greenlick, Senator Thomsen, Representative Helt, Mitchell, Schouten, Representative Doherty, Prusak, Williams and Senator Wagner.

My name is Fawna Weets and I oppose House Bill 3063. I do not endorse a law that would exclude children from their constitutional right of education based on vaccine exemptions. A parent has the right to choose against vaccination based on religious beliefs and/or philosophical reasoning. A parent carries their child(ren)'s best interest at heart. Parenting is a personal matter not to be infringed upon by the State, nor it's mandates. Currently, Oregon has three options for vaccination exemptions; such as; Medical exemption, Nonmedical exemption, and Immunity documentation. The Oregon Health Authority provides explanations, directions and required documentation for those processes. These options allow parents to maintain their autonomy and rear their child(ren) as they see best fit based on religion and/or philosophy.

Furthermore, we can see throughout past Court cases that it has been established, and upheld, by the Supreme Court that there is a longstanding commitment to parent's rights in the United States of America:

- ***Prince v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 321 U.S. 158 (1944)***; "...It is in recognition of this that these decisions have respected the private realm of family life which the State cannot enter."
- ***Cleveland Board of Education v. LaFleur, 414 U.S. 632 (1974)***; "This Court has long recognized that freedom of personal choice in matters of marriage and family life is one of the liberties protected by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment."
- ***Quilloin v. Walcott, 434 U.S. 246 (1978)***; "We have recognized on numerous occasions that the relationship between parent and child is constitutionally protected..."
- ***Washington v. Glucksburg, 521 U.S. 702 (1997)***; "In a long line of cases, we have held that, in addition to the specific freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights, the 'liberty' specially protected by the Due Process Clause includes the rights... to direct the education and upbringing of one's children. The Fourteenth Amendment 'forbids the government to infringe... 'fundamental' liberty interests of all, no matter what process is provided..."
- ***Troxel v. Granville, 530 U.S. 57 (2000)***; "The liberty interest at issue in this case the interest of parents in the care, custody, and control of their children is perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized by this Court. In light of this extensive precedent, it cannot now be doubted that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children... The Due Process Clause does not permit a State to infringe on the fundamental right of parents to make childrearing decisions simply because a state judge believes a 'better' decision could be made."

Passing House bill 3063 would counter that longstanding commitment to parental rights.

Per our American citizenship rights, let me reiterate that Amendment 14 states "...Nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." By passing House bill 3063 Oregon (State) would be depriving a multitude of persons their constitutional right of life, liberty and property. Additionally, it would infringe upon a longstanding Supreme Court recognition of parental rights. House bill 3063 impedes on one of the foundational stones for which this Country stands.