

My name is Carissa Bonham and I live in North Plains, OR

I am writing to the committee to urge you to vote NO on this bill.

The bill would directly and adversely affect my family.

Within the last 18 months, both of my young children were diagnosed with a genetic condition that prevents their bodies from properly detoxifying at a cellular level.

Once diagnosed, we received the following advice from our board-certified pediatrician (MD):

- Feed them organic as much as possible to prevent exposure to pesticides they won't be able to process properly
- Talk with them about alcohol so when they are older they know their bodies can't process it like others' and they should, therefore, avoid it
- **Do not give any more vaccines** - their bodies are not able to properly process the adjuvants in the vaccines which increases their risk of an adverse reaction.

Even though we were directed by an exceptionally qualified doctor to stop vaccinating, it is important that you know that **my children do not qualify for "medical" vaccine exemptions.**

Many people have the mistaken idea that any doctor can identify a condition that their patient has that contraindicates vaccination and they get a medical exemption.

In Oregon, this is not the case.

In Oregon, official medical exemptions must be applied for and granted by OHA (see link reference 1). OHA provides a very narrow list of reasons you may have a medical exemption. (see link reference 2)

For most vaccines, the only OHA approved reason to have a medical exemption is "Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component", although for some vaccines "Encephalopathy (e.g., coma, decreased level of consciousness, prolonged seizures), not attributable to another identifiable cause, within 7 days of administration of previous dose" is also an acceptable reason.

Almost every symptom listed as a valid reason to have a medical exemption from OHA is related to damage *already done*. They do not allow you to get a medical exemption pre-emptively if you have risk factors that increase your likelihood of reacting badly to a vaccine. **You must have already been permanently or seriously injured by *this specific vaccine* to qualify to not have to get it again.**

Sibling died or was injured by a vaccine and you have similar medical status? You don't qualify for a medical exemption.

Gene mutation that contraindicates injected metals? You don't qualify for a medical exemption.

Parent had a bad reaction to a vaccine and you have similar medical status? You don't qualify for a medical exemption.

Your immunologist specializing in your specific medical condition says you should not get vaccinated? You don't qualify for a medical exemption.

My kids? They don't qualify either.

Allergic to a vaccine component? Reacted badly to a different vaccine? Medically fragile due to acute lead poisoning? OHA wants you to *get the vaccine anyway and see what happens*. If you react but your reaction isn't considered *bad enough* you still won't qualify for a medical exemption.

Even though our doctor, who specializes in my children's unique gene mutations, has advised us to cease vaccination, in order to attend school we had to follow the process to get "non-medical" vaccine exemptions.

I know at least a dozen families in the same position - told by their doctors they should no longer vaccinate but on paper their exemptions are "non-medical" - **because that is the only type of vaccine exemption you can get if you have not ALREADY been caused severe damage by a vaccine.**

If this bill passes, my family will be faced with a choice: Do we go against our doctor's advice and risk real damage to our kids' health? Or do we pull them out of school?

When I told my oldest son I was going to Salem to fight a bill that would bar him from school if passed, he was understandably upset. He decided to write his own letter to the committee. The words and sentiments are all his own. He typed it up himself and I only helped him proofread it. His name is Kaypha Bonham. He is 8 years old and I hope you will read the letter that he wrote to you.

As Americans and Oregonians, my kids are entitled to a free and appropriate K-12 education. They should not be discriminated against and barred from school because they have a non-contagious medical condition and do not meet OHA's very narrow criteria for obtaining an official medical exemption.

Sincerely,

Carissa Bonham

Mother of two who should not be immunized for medical reasons

LINK REFERENCES

link 1: Information from OHA about how to apply for a medical exemption:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINESIMMUNIZATION/GETTINGIMMUNIZED/Pages/SchExemption.aspx>

link 2: The list the OHA website links to for approved reasons someone can get a medical exemption from vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/contraindications.html>



NEWS RELEASE

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ODE Launches Every Day Matters Campaign to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism

*New Website and Toolkits Provide Resources for Families, Schools
and Communities to Address Chronic Absenteeism.*

(Salem, Ore.) – The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is launching a new website and toolkits today for educators and families aimed at providing information and other resources to help reduce chronic absenteeism in Oregon. The website, www.Every-Day-Matters.org, is the core tool in a campaign called Every Day Matters which highlights the importance that regular attendance plays in a student’s education and how communities from around the state can join efforts with their local school district.

Reducing chronic absenteeism is a key piece in Governor Brown’s vision for having 90 percent of students graduate within four years of starting freshman year of high school, either with a diploma or with a GED.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as when a student misses 10-percent or more of class days in a school year. [ODE research confirms national studies](#) showing connections between attendance and student outcomes including improved test scores and graduation rates.

“We know that every day a student attends school means an additional opportunity for learning,” ODE Director Colt Gill said. “Our Every Day Matters campaign is one part of a larger effort throughout the state to improve attendance. Reducing chronic absenteeism requires all of us to do our part. Schools need to make sure students are welcomed and engaged, families need to recognize the importance of attendance and every community needs to look at local barriers that can impact student attendance.”

The Every Day Matters campaign builds on ODE’s previously rolled out efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism. The Oregon Legislature approved funding for a chronic absenteeism plan which started this school year.

The chronic absenteeism plan includes:

- Twenty-seven school districts that are receiving targeted support from 12 ODE chronic absenteeism coaches to collaborate and implement their absenteeism plan.
- Eight regional coordinators that have been hired in collaboration with the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts to coordinate efforts in districts throughout Oregon to provide professional learning that addresses chronic absenteeism.



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Colt Gill

Director of the Oregon Department of Education

- The website and toolkits released today that include: Best practice guide, flyers, and yard signs, banners and posters that can be used by districts, families and communities to raise awareness and combat chronic absenteeism across Oregon.

ODE has partnered with other state agencies and other partners including: the Oregon Department of Transportation; Oregon Health Authority; Healthy Kids Learn Better Coalition; and the Department of Human Services to leverage all of the supports Oregon needs to address absenteeism.

For more information, click into the [Every Day Matters website](#).

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Dear committee members,

This is the second letter I am writing to you in opposition of HB 3063.

The first letter was as a concerned parent of children whose doctor has advised against further vaccination.

Now I write to you as a formally trained Christian pastor and member of the clergy to urge you to maintain the ability for Oregonians to opt out of vaccines for religious reasons.

My qualifications: I have a bachelor of arts degree in youth ministry from Northwest University and a graduate level biblical studies and Christian ethics education from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. My special focus in graduate school was on learning to read the Bible in its original languages and the application of Biblical principles to modern, 21st-century life. For more than a decade I worked as a pastor or assistant pastor at Assemblies of God and non-denominational evangelical churches in Washington, Massachusetts and Oregon. I am not currently on the paid staff at any church as I am taking time away from professional ministry to focus on raising my children. I am, however, in good standing with my denomination, the Assemblies of God and am active at my church in Portland.

I explain all of this to you because I have noticed a misconception among some legislators who believe there are no religious groups whose members reside in Oregon who oppose vaccines on religious grounds and that anyone claiming religious vaccine exemption in Oregon is lying.

As a member and former pastor of a conservative, mainstream Christian denomination I want to emphasize that this simply is not true.

As I'm sure you are aware, many conservative Christians hold fiercely pro-life positions on religious grounds. These Christians often believe that life begins the moment a sperm and egg join. We believe this young, unborn life is fully human and to intentionally abort a pregnancy is murder. This sincere religious belief is often referred to as "the sanctity of human life" among Assemblies of God and other conservative Christian denominations.

Because of these sincerely held religious beliefs surrounding the sanctity of human life, many fiercely pro-life Christians will vaccinate their children but refuse the MMR, chickenpox, and hepatitis A vaccines. These specific vaccines are cultivated in electively aborted fetal tissue and no fetal tissue free option is available in the USA. To accept vaccines developed this way is considered to be complicit with murder, condemned in the 10 commandments, and would violate their religious consciences. **I have attached a reference chart created by The Children of God for Life showing you which vaccines are cultivated in aborted fetal tissue and which have no fetal-cell-free options available in the USA.**

Please know that I am not claiming that every conservative Christian rejects vaccines or that one must reject these vaccines in order to be a Christian.

I AM saying, however, that to reject vaccines cultivated in aborted human fetal tissue is a legitimate Christian practice which is supported by mainstream Christian denominations and Christian ethicists. Furthermore, Christians holding this viewpoint reside in Oregon and the right to practice religion in this way must be protected.

To pass a law that would bar these practicing pro-life Christians from participating in public life (by banning their children from school) would violate the first amendment "prohibiting the free exercise [of religion]".

I urge you to continue protecting the free exercise of religion in Oregon by not banning students from religious families from attending school because of their sincerely held religious beliefs and practices regarding vaccination.

Sincerely,

Carissa Bonham

Formally trained Christian pastor and member of the Assemblies of God

USA & CANADA - ABORTED FETAL CELL LINE PRODUCTS AND ETHICAL ALTERNATIVES (Feb 2019)

Disease	Product Name	Manufacturer	Fetal Cell Line	Ethical Version	Manufacturer	Cell Line
Acute Respiratory	Adenovirus 4,7 Oral	Barr Labs	WI-38	None	N/A	N/A
Chickenpox	All Varivax, Varilrix	Merck, GSK	WI-38, MRC-5	None	N/A	N/A
Cystic Fibrosis	Pulmozyme	Genentech	HEK-293	N-acetylcysteine, Hyper-sal	Various	N/A
Anemia (Cancer patients, severe kidney disease)	Procrit, Epoetin alfa Epogen, Aranesp, Darbepoetin alfa	Amgen	Human erythropoietin gene from fetal liver lambda.hE1/	None	N/A	N/A
Ebola - In Development	NIAD/GSK ChAd3 AdVacEbola VSV-EBOV	GSK J&J/Crucell, NewLink /BioProtSv	Procell92/HEK-293 PER C6, HEK-293	rVSV-ZEBOV-GP GOVOX-E301, E-302 ZMapp Therapeutic	Merck/New Link GeoVax LeafBio	Vero Chick eggs Tobacco
Heart problems	Abciximab (Repro)	Eli Lilly	HEK-293	Integrilin, Angiomax	Merck, Medicine Co.	N/A
Hemophilia	rhFVI, Nuwiq, Eloctate	Octapharma, BioGen	HEK-293	Advate, Kogenate	Baxter	Hamster
Hepatitis A	Vaqta, Havrix Avaxim, Epaxal	Merck, GSK Sanofi, Berna	MRC-5 MRC-5	Aimmugen None in US or Canada	Kaketsuken (Japan only)	Vero (monkey)
Hepatitis A & B Hepatitis A & Typhoid	Twinrix Vivaxim	GSK Sanofi	MRC-5 MRC-5	Engerix Hep-B Only Recombivax Hep-B, TyphimVi	GSK Merck	Yeast Yeast
Infection prevention	G-CSF	Octapharma	HEK-293	Neupogen, Zarxio	Amgen, Sandoz	E-coli
Measles/Mumps/Rubella	MMR, Priorix	Merck, GSK	RA273, WI-38, MRC-5	MR+M (Japan only)	Mitsubishi, Kitasato	Quail, egg, rabbit
Measles-Rubella	MR Vax, Eolarix	Merck, GSK.	RA273, WI-38,MRC-5	Attenuvax (Measles Only)* MR (Japan only)	Merck Mitsubishi, Kitasato	Chick egg Hen egg, rabbit
Mumps-Rubella	Biavax II	Merck	RA273, WI-38	Mumpsvax (Mumps Only)*	Merck	Chick egg
Rubella	Meruvax II	Merck	RA273, WI-38	Matsuura , Takahashi (Japan)	Mitsubishi, Kitasato	Quail egg, rabbit
MMR + Chickenpox	ProQuad/MMR-V Priorix Tetra	Merck GSK	RA273, WI-38, MRC-5	None	N/A	N/A
Polio	Poliovax, DT PolAds Polio Sabin (oral)	Sanofi Pasteur GSK	MRC-5 MRC-5	IPOL, IMOVAX® Polio**	Sanofi Pasteur	Vero
Polio Combination (DTaP, poli, HiB)	Pentacel, Quadracel Infanrix-IPV-HiB	Sanofi Pasteur GSK	MRC-5	Pediaceel, Pediarix, InfanrixHexa, Vaxelis, Any shot separately	Sanofi, GSK	Vero
Rabies	Imovax**	Sanofi Pasteur	MRC-5	RabAvert	Novartis	Hen eggs
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Enbrel	Amgen	WI-26 VA4 - RDNA	Humira, Cimzia, Orencia	Abbott, UCB, BMS	Hamster
Shingles	Zostavax	Merck.	WI-38, MRC-5	Shingrix	GSK	Hamster
Smallpox	Acambis 1000	Acambis	MRC-5	ACAM2000, MVA3000	Acambis/Baxter	Vero

Note: Immune-Globulin shots will provide temporary immunity (4-6 months) for Hepatitis-A and Rubella (3-4 months)

***Moral versions of Measles and Mumps are currently UNAVAILABLE as of January 2010 – TELL MERCK TO PROVIDE THEM!**

****NOTE: IMOVAX®Polio is a moral version for polio vaccine in Canada and is not the same as IMOVAX for rabies.**

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Dear Health Care Committee members,

I am writing to you to ask that you oppose HB 3063.

I am a board member of City View Charter School, a public K-8 charter school in Hillsboro, Oregon.

I want to be clear that I am not writing to you in order to officially represent City View or the City View Charter School board as a whole. I am writing to you as an individual school board member who has serious concerns with this legislation.

While I appreciate the concerns that likely spurred the writing of this proposed bill, I am concerned about how such a bill will negatively impact both City View Charter School specifically and school children across Oregon broadly.

As a charter school, City View receives only a small portion of what the non-charter public schools receive per-student in funding. As the fundraising chairperson, I have to oversee our additional fundraising efforts to help make up the difference in this funding gap to preserve programs like PE, art, and to help us maintain our small class sizes (our charter limits us to a maximum of 24 students per class).

In the 2018-2019 school year, we began to experience a budget crisis when our enrollment dropped by just four students in the middle of the school year. **The loss of only four students was enough to send our operating budget thousands of dollars into the red.** Every student at City View matters as an individual but they also matter to the budget from a financial perspective. **If our enrollment drops, we are not able to meet our budget, which in turn could hurt all students in the school if we have to start cutting staff or programs.** Therefore any proposed legislation which might reduce our enrollment numbers is bad news for our school.

There are students currently enrolled at City View who have non-medical vaccine exemptions. While I do not personally know all of their stories I do know that some of the students with non-medical vaccine exemptions were advised to stop vaccinating by their pediatricians (including my own son who is a third grader). We also have students whose families opted out of some vaccines for religious reasons. **Each of these students are welcome members of our school community and any bill that would ban them from attending due to their vaccine status hurts our school culture and community as well as our ability to meet our budget.**

As a school, we are committed to serving students regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, parental status, national origin or disability (City View Charter School policy 115 regarding Safe and Equal Educational Opportunity). **HB 3063 stands to hurt some students on the grounds of both religion and disability.**

Finally, as an active school board member, quality education in Oregon is of great importance to me. Beyond the scope of our individual school, any bill which would prevent Oregon children from receiving access to a free and appropriate public education will hurt Oregon. It is absolutely essential that every student in Oregon have access to a high-quality education which will help them become productive citizens and members of our global society.

The Oregon Department of Education has an initiative to increase school attendance called Every Day Matters. This program is part of Governor Brown's strategy to improve Oregon's high school graduation rate. Regarding Every Day Matters, Oregon Department of Education director, Colt Gill says, "Reducing chronic absenteeism requires all of us to do our part. Schools need to make sure students are welcomed and engaged, families need to recognize the importance of attendance and *every community needs to look at local barriers that can impact student attendance.*" (emphasis

mine) **If passed, HB 3063 will be a direct barrier to student attendance if the more than 31,000 students who have exemptions for even one vaccine are barred from attending school. The negative impact of HB 3063 on school attendance would stand in direct opposition to the stated goals of the Oregon Department of Education.**

Oregon can't afford to lose more students. Every student needs to be in school. Even those with non-medical vaccine exemptions.

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