

My wife Nada and I are writing to you to tell our story of vaccine injury and the gravity of what removing exemption options would mean for a vulnerable sub set of Oregon children and the devastating hardships it would place on parents who are simply protecting their children.

Let me start by saying that my children are vaccinated. I myself have had every vaccine under the sun from my time working in a medical clinic in my late 20's. My wife and I are both college educated and currently work as corporate managers and business operators in several regions in Oregon.

Our now 11 year old son Jovan was vaccine injured as a toddler when we were living in Portland. He had been a perfectly healthy infant and all of his developmental benchmarks were right on track. After a series of multi dose vaccinations at the pediatricians office we noticed some abrupt changes. He stopped making eye contact. His baby gibberish completely stopped. He became physically ill with fevers, ear infections and severe GI pain and constipation. At the time we never thought to question that he was being catastrophically injured as we continued to push through the vaccine schedule. After his second birthday my father pulled me aside and told me to get him evaluated as something wasn't right. Long story short we were devastated as his evaluations confirmed that he was autistic. My wife and I immersed myself in research flipping over every rock we could to figure out what had regressed our perfectly healthy child into autism. It has been a long journey with many treatments, physicians and therapies that have taken us around the world and back. We didn't think he'd ever be able to talk or enjoy feeling healthy free of painful GI issues etc. I'm happy to say that our herculean efforts and dedication to recovering him as much as possible have paid dividends. He is still very much on the autism spectrum but for the most part he's a fairly happy kid and physically so much healthier. However its very possible that he will be on disability and not be able to ever live on his own. As autism rates have continued to skyrocket every year the financial burden on the education system and taxpayers for special education and long term care is astronomical. Some estimates are as high as 1 in 30 boys are now on the autism spectrum. What if something we were doing in the environment was contributing to this epidemic? What if a segment of the population has unknown underlying conditions and genetics that were causing vaccines to severely injure them?

What we have discovered on our journey is that the science of vaccine safety is far from settled despite the pharma driven narrative that vaccines are proven to be safe. In fact the industry has been granted immunity from liability for many decades with the 1986 federal Vaccine Act. A liability free corporate profit driven industry has gone unchecked with NO (zero) double blind gold standard safety studies in 30 years. Are we really to believe that a liability free profit driven industry has the safety of the public as a top priority? Why has our vaccine schedule gone from a handful of vaccines in the 1970's to now 60-70 recommended injections? Could it be that that profits are the priority?

There are hundreds of credible scientists, physicians, researchers and thousands upon thousands of parents sounding the alarm bells. There is an extremely well orchestrated/funded effort by the pharma lobby to influence legislators on the federal and state levels. It doesn't take much effort to access the contributions to the legislators from the pharma and health care industry. For example I believe Greg Walden has taken \$400,000+ from the health care industry. How is this not a massive conflict of interest when law makers are financially motivated to do the bidding of their corporate donors over the well being of their constituents. Vaccines are listed as one of Merck's most profitable products and I believe they have a new patent on a measles vaccine.

Vaccines can be extremely damaging to certain sub groups in the population that may have unknown autoimmune or mitochondrial dysfunction and certain gene mutations that put them at high risk for

injury. Here's the problem with the current "one size fits all" policy on vaccines. No screening or genetic testing is done! Kids and adults are lined up to get the same shots across the board with absolutely no screening, testing or careful investigation into whether the individual may have an unknown circumstance that would warrant them to avoid vaccines. Instead parents only realize AFTER their child is vaccine injured that they had health circumstances that should have been factored into consideration. The other important thing for the public and lawmakers to understand is that its damn near impossible in Oregon to jump through all of the red tape hoops to get a medical exemption approved. Each vaccine has its own set of very difficult criteria to qualify for an exemption. Even if the parent is able to get the MD on board with very difficult "gray area" subjects such as autoimmune disease and genes the exemption still has to be signed off on by the Oregon Health Authority. The fact of the matter is that no one has better instincts or knows better than the parent when something is a grave risk to their child. The medical exemption policy is purposely constructed to disregard the parents insight/observations and make it highly unlikely that they will be approved for the exemption. Under these conditions a medical exemption is not an attainable reality for families.

What my family discovered through genetic testing is that my wife and both children have the same MTHFR gene mutation that may contribute to dysfunction in the methylation process which is a critical part of the bodies ability to excrete and detoxify environmental toxins (aluminum in vaccines for example). The research is evolving slowly on MTHFR and certainly the science isn't settled on this particular mutation. Various degrees of this mutation are estimated to be present in as much as 15-40% of the population depending upon ethnicity. This particular gene mutation may be a contributor to many autoimmune diseases and other increased risk factors that vaccines could adversely impact. However evolving gray area topics such as genetics and autoimmune issues are extremely complicated and under current policy aren't even admissible to be considered for an Oregon medical exemption. When you factor in Oregon wants each vaccine to be addressed individually and OHA has final approval beyond your physician its easy to see why most give up before they even try (as it was designed to do).

I don't want to overwhelm you with all of the studies and testimony from researchers, physicians and scientists that I've compiled over the years. I just want to have you take the time look at a few red flags that should give you great pause and consider the terrible repercussions to families from this proposed legislation.

The first is a link to a video interview with a nationally known stem cell scientist Dr. Theresa Deisher PhD. Dr. Deisher and her colleagues discovered something alarming regarding fragmented human DNA cells that are in vaccines. She speaks directly to the issue of autism being triggered in children because of the way these fragmented human DNA pieces are uploaded and incorporated by the body's own stem cells when injected into the body. Please watch the interview from the 20:00 minute mark when she gets into the vaccine specifics.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LCnrW3VF0pc>

I am also attaching a recent published study that came out of Asia demonstrating the very destructive effects of injecting aluminum into the bloodstream and what it does to the brain and central nervous system. It really is a smoking gun revelation to one of the factors in vaccines that are injuring our children across the nation at alarming epidemic levels.

<https://jbhandleyblog.com/home/2018/4/1/international2018>

Please understand the science is not settled on vaccine safety. Informed parents that are fiercely protecting vulnerable or previously injured children need to be given an exemption option. This is a medical procedure injecting known neurotoxins and human/animal DNA fragments into children. Its unconscionable to put a gun to parents heads and punish them with devastating financial burdens by removing their children from public schools. Unvaccinated children pose zero risk to the public as described by the Harvard immunologist Dr. Tetyana Obukhanych.

<https://healthimpactnews.com/2017/harvard-immunologist-to-legislators-unvaccinated-children-pose-zero-risk-to-anyone/>

Oregon in fact has very high vaccination rates. The fear mongering in the media over a handful of measles cases in Portland is outlandish. The recent measles cluster in an unvaccinated church group in Vancouver was not started by an unvaccinated student. It was a wild strain brought in by an international traveler. All have recovered and the spread as usual has fizzled out. This was considered a non event in the 1960s as was chicken pox. Only a few people in the United States (that had underlying immune dysfunction) have died from measles complications in the past 20-30 years. However in that same time period there have been approximately 450 reported injuries and some deaths from the measles vaccine. Yet every media outlet has been engaging in around the clock fear mongering as if Ebola was at everyone's doorstep instead of a relatively benign disease. Do the math....450 measles vaccine injuries and some fatalities vs. a benign disease that rarely ever causes a death in the US. This risk reward ratio now warrants a knee jerk reaction removing exemption protections? Why? Because the the local news and big pharma says so? According to the CDCs own stats every year in the US there are anywhere from 50-600 measles cases. Sometimes a cluster outbreak occurs in groups that were mostly vaccinated such as a recent cluster in New York where 60-70 of the reported 90 cases had received measles vaccinations. The science and statistics clearly show that there is always going to be small cluster outbreaks even with 95% vaccination rates. When the public gives government and profit motivated industry the authority to mandate an invasive medical procedure where does it stop? What's next? Will the extremely dangerous HPV Gardasil vaccine be mandated next? Will the extremely ineffective flu shot vaccine be mandated? Will all adults have to get re-vaccinated since all of their childhood shots are no longer providing immunity? (this plan is actually in motion) Do the vaccine manufacturers and CDC get to continue to add more and more vaccines to the already outlandish 50-70 shots we give our children now? Will everyone be banned from airplanes and crossing state borders without having 70 vaccinations on record? Where does it end once you open up Pandora's Box to industry lobby controlling public health? If most of the adult population is no longer immune (fact) from childhood vaccinations then how in the hell is it ethical, moral and just to force this mandate on parents and children by threatening them with being banned from public schooling that their tax dollars are paying for?

The fact of the matter (confirmed in a recent study) is that you will not get most parents that have vaccine opposition to comply. You will simply steamroll poorer families into doing something they really don't want to do. How is this good public policy? Most will homeschool or move out of the state. I know that we will simply move away if Oregon decides my daughter has to have the HPV vaccine or if my vaccine injured autistic child has to comply with more vaccines being added to the current requirements.

I am pleading with you to please oppose this bill and rally as many of your Senate colleagues as you can to shoot this awful legislation down. Its completely unnecessary considering Oregon's already high

vaccination rates, no epidemics and the very simple fact that unvaccinated children do not pose any risk to the masses.

History won't be kind to those that are responsible for imposing these draconian measures on the families of this country. Please do not allow profit driven industry to manipulate the facts, control the narrative and hurt our families and children for profit margins. We must have attainable exemptions for a small sub group of the population that truly needs them. Literally their lives depend on it!