

Dear _____,

I am reaching out to you as my elected representative in hopes that I may share my views on the importance of opposing bill HB3063 which would take away all non medical exemptions and frankly my personal bodily autonomy.

As an advocate for all people, I'm sure you understand the importance of defending our human rights and our constitutional rights as Americans.

This bill, violates our human right to privacy, allowing a government to dictate or require substances in order for entrance to school. It also assumes that it has a right to determine the validity of my reasons for choosing to delay, refuse and/or accept particular substances for our children.

I am certain that you understand the sincerity with which most humans make decisions regarding their health and the health of those around them. This is evident in the fact that by educating the public and imposing informed consent for vaccines actually resulted in an, increase to the overall vaccination rate in the state. Parents who choose to space vaccinations, delay them, refuse them or vaccinate per the general schedule do not take their decisions lightly and should not be considered negligent in either case.

I'm sure you can relate to the idea that our democratic government should not assume that they know intimately what's best for everyone's personal health or the health of their children. It is my hope that you support the rights of informed parents to make the best choice possible by their own volition and that you'd not allow them to be bullied or dictated to in this matter by legislation.

We deserve the human right to education and the choice to educate our children as we see fit. Allowing a government to bar the way to the education of our children by forcing a one size fits all schedule and requirement regarding vaccines, is a violation of this.

The state of Oregon is **not** highly under-vaccinated. In fact, only 2.6% of all school aged children are completely under-vaccinated. The recent outbreaks of measles and rubella in the state were in actual fact only a tiny percentage. The state's own health organization language calls an 'outbreak' any more than just 2 cases in a given population within a period of time. I'm sure you can question the potential flaw in the idea that this 2.6% is responsible for any publicized "epidemic". And, in light of the fact that OHA states that the majority of children in Oregon are already highly vaccinated, this idea defies logic.

K-12 students in this state are already at a 95% vaccination rate which is already the number cited by the CDC for "herd immunity". (Per OHA, and confirmed February 7th 2019 at a Measles hearing, Oregon has a MMR uptake rate (2 doses) of 95.8%. 7th Graders are at 97 %.)

From 2006-2018, there were 2245 cases of measles in the US. The CDC reports 60% of those cases occurred due to importation of wild measles from Europe and per CDC surveillance both vaccinated and un-vaccinated still got the wild measles and of those cases, there were two verified deaths . Conversely, Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System reports that there were over 121 deaths from the MMR vaccine in same time period, not to mention a plethora of other reactions to the vaccine. As of last March, there have been more than 89,000 reports of measles vaccine reactions, including, death, hospitalization, and other related disabilities.

Implementing Bill HB3063 denies not only our children's right to be educated, as this would prevent their continued enrollment, and potentially puts their well being at risk, it assumes that the state can individually assess and oversee what is best for every body. Additionally, there are in fact, already many laws requiring under-vaccinated children to be excluded during potential risk periods and 'outbreak' events for a period of time, so the safety of all involved has already been addressed with these current rules already enforced.

This bill would also impact the economy adversely as it could potentially put many private school out of business from dropped enrollment and cause many families to flee from the state's bullying policy. The mental health of children will also be compromised by pulling them out of their schools. There is evidence that disrupting a student in this way can cause real harm and even mental breakdown.

On a personal note, we have recently moved to the state of Oregon, loving its free democratic spirit. We were inspired by educational opportunities here for our 3 children so we packed up our lives and moved 3000 miles across the country, purchased a home here and are running a business in the state of Oregon! Some states are poorly run, allowing influence from the hidden agendas of private corporations, and financially swayed lawmakers to take away the rights of its citizens.

Please don't let Oregon become a state that forfeits the rights of parents and children with Bills like HB3063.

Please oppose this bill and trust that just as you would fight for our children, informed Oregonians deserve your support in ensuring that their rights are not violated.

Thanks for your consideration,
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