

I live in Rogue River, and I urge you to PLEASE take a stand against HB3063 which would remove the ability of conscientious people to have philosophical objections to vaccines. It is important to my family to be able to delay or decline vaccinations for the following reasons.

- 1) When my youngest son had several severe allergies, one of which was to eggs, his pediatrician told me to get him the MMR vaccine - made with eggs. On the paper insert, the manufacturer specifically stated that it should never be given to individuals allergic to eggs. I brought this to the attention of the doctor, who proceeded to argue with me that I should get the vaccine for him anyway. THAT INJECTION COULD HAVE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED MY CHILD. Even doctors don't always get it right. I ended up changing doctors, but not before a lot of anxiety because that pediatrician accused me of being a bad mother.
- 2) Two of my older children had very bad reactions to the DPT, which consisted of hours and hours of inconsolable very high pitched abnormal screaming. The look on their faces was frightening. They looked terrified. It appeared to affect their brains. When the second child had that same reaction, I refused to give any more DPT shots to my children. On the manufacturer's insert, it said it should not be given to children who had siblings with adverse reactions. My refusal, along with many other people in the same circumstance, finally forced the companies to develop the safer DtaP. **Sometimes the companies need a reason to quit shoving bad vaccines** on us when safer options are available and in use in other countries. Nevertheless, I repeatedly had to discuss this with the doctor, who dismissed my concerns, and attempted to make me feel like a bad mother.
- 3) One of my children had a case of chicken pox, and later I was told he needed the chicken pox vaccine. I resisted because I didn't want to put chemicals into his body unnecessarily when he had already had the disease. In addition, I knew the vaccine was made from cells from an aborted fetus, which pricked my conscience. I demanded a test for immunity and it showed he was immune, so I refused the vaccine.
- 4) When my daughter was due for the MMR, she had been ill, and I wanted to postpone the vaccine until she was older. The doctor pressured me until I finally caved in and let him give her the vaccine. She got really sick, quit eating and drinking, had a very high fever over 104 degrees for several days, became incommunicative, would not make eye contact, and I could tell something was wrong with her brain. I feared for her life! Without even seeing her, the doctor tried to tell me that this reaction was normal and I should not worry. He did not report this reaction to VAERS. After days, I finally took her to church to have the leaders pray for her, and then she recovered. I felt really bad that I had gone against my own gut feelings and as a result she became dangerously ill.
- 5) As a child, my husband had a very bad reaction to the DPT and missed a month out of school. So vaccine reactions may have a genetic component. There is much research going on now about the MTHFR genetic defect. Most doctors don't even know about this defect. More needs to be done on this without forcing vaccines on us!

Many parents have educated themselves about the dangers of various vaccines and as a result are refusing to harm their children. When I refused the DPT shots for the rest of my children, there was a greater chance of them dying or having permanent brain damage from the vaccine than from the diseases it was meant to prevent! Vaccines are not always safe; there are many

possible side effects. Read the inserts! And the companies who make them are immune from liability. If the vaccines were truly SAFE AND EFFECTIVE, and if there were real consequences to manufacturers for damages, there may be less resistance.

IF THE VACCINES WORK SO WELL, WHY DON'T OTHER PEOPLE ALLOW ME TO REFUSE? Why should others **force** me to damage my children to "protect" theirs, when they could just get the vaccine and be safe? If my own children get ill from a so-called vaccine preventable disease, that should be my choice. When I was a child, we all got the diseases and most of us got over them safely and with the bonus of lifetime immunity. And if the vaccines don't work, why are we forcing them? As for children who cannot receive the vaccines for medical reasons, they are generally not out in the general public and therefore rarely susceptible to exposure.

Please do not think that I do not comprehend the worst possible scenarios of these diseases. I spent weeks in NICU at OHSU with my granddaughter on the ventilator, admitted at age 6 weeks, with Pertussis. She "coded" 3 times that I know of. She caught the disease from her mother, who was fully vaccinated.

THIS SHOULD BE AN INFORMED PARENTAL DECISION. It is a shame that parents have to fight so hard to protect themselves and their own children from medical harm.

Sincerely,

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