

Madam Chair Salinas, Vice Chair Hayden, Rep. Noble, committee members:

I write in support of HB 3063.

My daughter had a baby boy in December, and the baby needed surgery for an eye issue. Now my daughter can't leave the house with the baby, scared that the infant might contract measles from some unvaccinated stranger. My wife and I try to provide child care relief for our daughter, but as residents of Newberg, it is difficult for us to get to our daughter's house in North Portland more than once a week.

School districts need to have the right to not allow unvaccinated children to put the health of all the district's other students at risk. If parents want to not vaccinate their child, they may have that right, but that shouldn't include the right to expose others to disease. No rights are absolute. If those parents say it's a hardship to homeschool their children (for example, because of a lack of daycare), responsible parents whose children contract a disease from an unvaccinated child face that same hardship, and more, because now they have a sick child at home to deal with.

HB 3063 needs to be passed so that responsible parents and their children are not forced to be prisoners in their own homes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please circulate this testimony to others on the committee.

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