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This is the testimony I was unable to share in the meeting. Thank you for submitting it into the record:

My name is Carissa Bonham. I am a member of the school board for City View Charter School in Hillsboro.

I would like to say before I start that I was not sent here by my school board or the administration - I am here as an individual, concerned school board member.

I am gravely concerned with the fiscal impact 3063 will have on all schools across Oregon but especially charter schools like mine who operate on razor-thin budgets with a margin of only a few hundred dollars.

As written, 3063 would disenroll at least 14 students from City View. If we cannot fill all their spots - and I do not anticipate we will be able to fill all of them - we will be short by tens of thousands of dollars we need to operate our school

This year we already have to raise \$37,000 to support essential programs at our FREE public charter school like art and PE. If we lose our 14 vaccine exempt students, how much more will we need to raise to fill their financial gap? Double? Triple? I'm honestly not sure we could do it.

I'm also concerned about the lawsuits that will inevitably follow. In my view, every dollar Oregon has to spend defending lawsuits is one less dollar we could have spent on education. **These dollars would absolutely be better spent on education.**

As a school board member, I am concerned that forcibly disenrolling more than 31,000 students from school WILL NOT HELP our already dismal graduation rate. Our lagging graduation rate is a much bigger emergency than the small percentage of unvaccinated students sitting in our classes. This bill will cripple it

even more.

Please vote NO on this bill. If I haven't been convincing enough, PLEASE at the very least adopt the amendments proposed by Senator Thatcher to exempt charter schools and private schools from the vaccine requirements.

Please ALSO adopt the amendment which would grandfather in students who currently have exemptions.

This will allow schools to slowly adjust to gradually declining enrollment and related funds rather cause a funding crisis at the start of the 2020 school year.

This amendment also does the most to protect high school graduation rates and maintain access to currently enrolled students using IEPs who could not appropriately receive services via an online school.

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