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#### SENATOR STEINER HAYWARD SAYS DO AS I SAY, NOT AS I DO!

I recently read a little story about our own Senator Steiner Hayward and while the story was quite complimentary and inspiring, I couldn't help but notice a few problems in regards to this current proposed legislation.

In explaining about her Multiple Sclerosis it said her doctor had ordered her to go on Interferon Therapy and that because of that she would not be allowed to breast feed.

But Steiner Hayward had other ideas the story says, "Breastfeeding protects against autoimmune disorders, and I have MS," she said, laughing and shaking her head. "So I did the research and told her I thought interferon was too big to get into breast milk and that I was going to go ahead and breastfeed. <u>"She, of course, thought I was crazy</u> <u>and told me I was not to do that!!</u> So I went out and found another neurologist who respected the fact that I was an FP and I knew what I was talking about, and he agreed that (breastfeeding) was OK."

Well thank goodness Doctor Steiner-Hayward had the freedom of choice to make that decision, even if slightly risky. It said she did her research, like tens of thousands of Autism Moms I have talked to. We did our research and like Dr. Hayward we dumped our pig-headed, stuck in their old ways doctors and sought out doctors willing to work with us and our children to do what was best for us as individuals. Many of us had to leave the state of Oregon to find one. But Senator Steiner- Hayward would now like to take that away from the rest of us. The ability to research and do what we think is best for our individual children.

Dr. Steiner-Hayward seems to have a doctor/mother/nanny state syndrome, where she believes parents have to ask permission from her, prove their knowledge base to her, before making decision for their own children. Parents that blindly follow doctor's orders, that cannot even tell me what vaccines their child just received and know nothing about them, well those people are who the Senator thinks are A OK in her book. She knows those of us who are left are more than educated and she is counting on convincing you otherwise. As a mother of a child who is vaccine damaged and also happens to have Autism, I have had to become an expert on the human body, nursing, special education, ABA, vaccine law, nutrition, brain chemistry, and government malfeasance. We have watched our children suffer, denied medical care out of fear acknowledging gastrointestinal issues might somehow affirm Wakefield's findings so our children were left to suffer in pain for political reasons. Denied insurance coverage so unless you are rich, your child will be collateral damage, expendable. Without a state

sponsored program Oregon's autistic population has a grim outcome ahead. In New Jersey where ABA is provided by the state, they estimate that 70% of their kids may someday have a job and live independently. In Oregon, it is estimated that less than 10% will have that chance. We are ranked by National Autism organizations as the 49<sup>th</sup> worse state in which to raise a child with Autism. We are about to become the 50<sup>th</sup> if this bill passes. Hey, at least we will have nowhere to go but up!

Dr. Steiner-Hayward also said, "We cannot fix everything with pills and procedures," she said. "We have to have engaged partners -- our patients have to be engaged partners."

But again SENATOR Steiner- Hayward seems to be at odds with DOCTOR Steiner-Hayward. We are no longer to be partners with our doctors in healthcare decisions for ourselves or our children, but dictated to, mandated, forced against our will no matter our research and against our own best judgment. Will her bill spell out what happens when a child is sick and we do not feel they should be vaccinated until they are feeling better but the doctor wants to go ahead and do it anyway as they always do? Will we have no say? Does she feel it still necessary to give parents the CDC handouts and package inserts so we can all pretend that there is some aspect of informed consent going on here, you know carrying on the cheap façade of a doctor/patient symbiotic relationship.

Yes Doctor Hayward is a strong-willed and independent woman who feels she has every right to go against a doctor's orders and instead seek out answers on her own and make the best possible decision for her and her babies. Senator Steiner-Hayward believes you only have those rights when you are a Family Practitioner or a Senator. Senator Steiner-Hayward has chosen not to be a representative but a ruler.

I wonder if Senator Steiner-Hayward has any clue what she has unleashed in Oregon, the state of free spirits and free thinkers. I can tell you that hundreds of people have been rushing around updating their passports. They are researching other states and countries, wondering how it will devastate their children when they tell them "we have to leave Oregon." Some are planning how to move entire companies to another state. This is not a democracy, this is tyranny. The senator has publicly stated that she thought the education module would force parents to vaccinate and now realizing it is just not that simple, she is willing to take the next step and actually force them to do so. But the education law already swept up those who were just procrastinators or lazy, now she is dealing with the Navy Seals of parents, the special forces, those of us with vaccine injured children, those of us who say to her "You will have to kill me before you ever plunge another needle into my innocent babies." The militant Mommas who would move to another country, pack our families to another state, would give our own lives to stop you. You Senator Steiner-Hayward have gone one step too far into medical tyranny, and Oregonians just will not stand for it.

I this bill passes; you will leave Oregon Parents with 3 choices. We could homeschool, though we are pretty sure that will be targeted next. We could move to another state, carefully choosing one that is not headed down the same path, like Texas or Colorado. We could leave the country, easy for me since I speak 3 languages and every other developed and progressive nation in the world offers parental choice when it comes to vaccines. I have no problem with any of those. A political party, a state, or a country that would force medical procedures that carry a risk of injury or death on their people, well I don't care to belong to any of those. This is not what I fought for when I served my country. I find this entire affair cheap political theatre at the cost of innocent children's lives. Your selective hysteria over a non-existent threat while you ignore the greatest health disaster in the history of our nation is despicable. I can tell you this, no amount of threats, no dollar amount of fines, no loss of liberty or bodily autonomy will ever force me to vaccinate my child. You will not win. We will take our children, our families, and our thriving businesses out of this state forever while you strive to be on par with Mississippi. As of today I denounce my membership in the Democratic party, I denounce my citizenship as a lifelong Oregonian, and if I have to I will denounce my citizenship as an American. I will not tolerate medical fascism! I will not be bullied or threatened nor swayed by your selective hysteria. And despite the Senator's beliefs that she can somehow force parents to offer up their children to state mandated medicine, she is sorely wrong, because that is not and never will be a 4<sup>th</sup> choice here. I may be forced to lawyer up for the long fight, I may be forced to homeschool my child, I may be forced to take myself, my extended family and my business and get the hell out of dodge, but I will not EVER be forced to sacrifice my child for the good of the herd.

To all the others on this committee, I will leave you with this thought today and please remember this when you decide to vote "The tiny white coffins in which we put our babies when they die from a vaccine reaction, are no less heartbreaking, no less hard to look at, no less devastating to the loved ones than a tiny white coffin for a child that has died of an illness." You cannot legislate that one is more important than the other whether you are a Senator or a Doctor.

# Our children are suffering a lifetime of physical and mental disability, plagued by the oppression from the unharmed majority.

The following pages are testimony for the record that I know I will not be given enough time to read to you in the hearing. But it is critical information that needs to be read before this decision is made. Just looking at what has happened to our children here in Oregon should be enough. If vaccines are so effective and so necessary for health, why have they given us the sickest generation in history? Why are experts saying this is the first generation that will not outlive the life expectancy of their parents? In the following pages I give you the facts and the reasons why parents will not vaccinate their children, no matter how draconian your policies! We have reached an impasse, the proverbial wall and we will be listened to or we will simply pull out of the game.

## WE HAVE AN EPIDEMIC AND A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CRISIS AND MEASLES IS NOT IT!

Growing up right here in Oregon in a small town and school where everyone knows everyone, I never knew a single child with asthma, with allergies, especially to foods, didn't know another child with diabetes, behavioral problems, mental problems, ADD/ADHD, I never knew a single child that had to use an inhaler or epi-pen and I didn't know a single child growing up that took a prescription medicine for life. I especially never knew another child that came anywhere close to being on the Autism Spectrum. And yet every single one of us had measles, mumps, and chicken pox without issues.

I hope I don't have to tell you what we are facing NOW in Oregon. In 25 years we have gone from 6 children; yes SIX, known to have Autism and receiving services in the State of Oregon to surpassing 10,000 in 2014. Even our smallest schools are overwhelmed. It is not better awareness, better diagnostics, diagnostic substitution; it is an epidemic of overwhelming proportions. Already 1 in 50 children aging into adulthood are signing up for Social Security and Medicare for life. We didn't miss these kids 20 years ago, we would have had to educate and deal with them no matter what we called their condition. 20 years ago the average age of diagnosis was 5, today it is still 5, so much for better awareness! In Southern Douglas County, the numbers are much much higher!

According to the "Data Resources Center for Child & Adolescent Health" the numbers just for Oregon, children ages 0 - 17. The latest numbers available are from 2009/2010. The percentage of Oregon children affected...

Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, sickle cell, all illnesses you are born with, all under 2% and relatively unchanged for decades.

### AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

Arthritis = 2.9%

Asthma = 29.0%

Allergies, General = 36.3%

Food specific allergies = 9.6%

# ANXIETY, BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS, NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS OR DELAYS

Depression = 11.1%

Behavioral (oppositional defiant disorder/conduct disorder) = 11.1%

Anxiety = 18.6%

**Developmental Delay = 21.2%** 

#### ADD/ADHD = 26.8%

#### Autism = 8%

51% in total of our children have a lifelong illness, condition, or disability. 51%.

So we have a devastating health crisis in the State of Oregon and across the U.S. and it certainly is not 1 case of the measles. It is hard for me to fathom the hysteria that has been whipped up by one small outbreak of the measles, not even the largest one in the U.S. in the last 3 years. When we mention the real crisis in our health, well we get "Crickets". So you have to excuse me if the selective outrage for a minor outbreak of measles has me questioning the motives behind all this. Senator Steiner Hayward seems to think that contagious disease is still the biggest health threat to our society. If the good Senator cared about the health of Oregon children she would be screaming from the rooftops, demanding legislation, banging her gavel to call attention to the devastation to the health of our children and the financial, medical, and homeland security issues so many ill and disabled children will have on us as a viable state and nation. In fact, no other issue holds more importance or has more at stake than this one. Where is the hysteria?

#### MY STORY

One of my brothers and I both served in the military. Both of us while there suffered serious and life-threatening vaccine reactions. Despite this, doctors insisted on vaccinating our children like any other, without precautions. We would pay dearly for that decision.

My child did indeed react as violently as I had, fought for her life as valiantly as I did but the results would be much more devastating. 2 years later she would be diagnosed with Autism and in the mean time we would bury another baby who wasn't quite as lucky. A niece and nephew would suffer similarly and both were diagnosed with borderline Autism, ADD/ADHD, and asthma. I went in search of help and found online a group with over 10,000 parents who all had suffered and witnessed the exact same scenario. Years before we would ever hear the names Wakefield or McCarthy. Perfectly healthy beautiful children, reacted horribly to their vaccines and never recovered, lost any language they had, lost skills, sunk into their own world, no longer wanting to be touched, to wear clothes, couldn't handle sounds, light, touch, spent hours watching a ceiling fan making screeching noises, or spinning or rocking. My daughter would bite herself, pull out her own hair, and bang her head on the closest surface even if it was concrete.

I would later hear the Hannah Poling verdict awarding her family millions of dollars for her vaccine injuries that led to Autism. I kept saying, "That is us, that is our story, why does no one care? How can they not listen to us?"

We heard the CDC playing with the words. They announced to the American public that her vaccines caused a brain encephalopathy, igniting a once dormant mitochondrial dysfunction that led to symptoms of autism. But they assured us the vaccines did not cause the autism. Thousands of us ran, not walked, to our doctor's office demanding the test be done. And thousands of us learned that our children too had a mitochondrial dysfunction. Then I heard that while the CDC was assuring the U.S. public that Hannah Poling was an anomaly and not a precedent, they were secretly talking with mitochondrial experts around the world and asking them one all-important question. "How prevalent are mitochondrial disorders in the general population?" What did those experts tell them, well don't be shocked if you have heard this number before but the answer was 1 in 50. And that there still had to be a trigger that sets it all in motion. And since we get our mitochondria from our mothers well that means that I have the same mitochondrial disorder and so did Hannah Poling's mother, and all the other mothers that were sick as children, some may have received 2 to 4 vaccines and yet no trigger. no Autism. I had all the childhood diseases, I had 3 life-threatening vaccine reactions myself yet no trigger, no autism. You didn't have to go to medical school to see that 27 vaccines before the age of 1, 49 by the age of 5, well that is a trigger. Sometimes receiving 7, 8, or 9 vaccines in one visit, well that is a trigger. It's also easy to see where all the ADD/ADHD, behavioral problems, tics, Tourette's, and development disorders are all coming from as well, just different levels of damage along the spectrum.

So Senator Steiner Hayward says your right to decide stops when it affects another and yet here she is single-handedly trying to change a law, change a constitutional right that will not just affect my child, but thousands of others, many in my immediate family and that effect will be far more devastating and deadly to the children we represent than a minor outbreak of measles.

My daughter has one year left after this one before her class graduates, though she herself will not get a diploma, thanks to vaccines and common core, another argument for another day. She will never grow beyond 4'11" thanks to vaccines. She has visual problems that puts her on the edge of being legally blind, thanks to vaccines. She will never live independently, drive a car, marry, have children, go to college, join the military, nor have a regular job. In another year when other parents are crying as their kids leave home for college and careers, I will be crying too because I will be filing the legal paperwork to be appointed the permanent guardian of my adult child. We will then sign her up for Social Security and Medicare for life, just like 10,000 plus other Oregon children will soon be doing. Why, because you have failed our children, our doctors have failed our children, our schools have failed our children, insurance has failed our children, our state and yes you our legislators have failed our children. And now you would add insult to injury, by ignoring our stories, pretending it just can't be real, and mandating that our children are further damaged and untold thousands more Oregon children will join their ranks. How much longer can you ignore our children while our corrupt pharmaceutical companies and federal alphabet agencies continue to cover their own behinds, knowing they have brought about the largest iatrogenically caused epidemic in the history of man? Even if stopped now, the misery and devastation will be with us for generations. If you have no solutions, then you are part of the problem!

#### ARE VACCINES THE MOST TESTED PRODUCTS WE HAVE?

We grew up thinking vaccines were the most sacred, most tested products on the market, since they are primarily given to children, in fact perfectly healthy children. We were told they go under more rigorous scrutiny than other drugs. But come to find out, it is all a lie. They are ASSUMED safe and effective before ever being tested. They are not even tested using the gold standard of science; double-blind placebo controlled studies. Instead, we find out they are compared to already existing vaccines or the so-called placebo is actually the vaccine ingredients, minus the virus.

Most study participants are never followed longer than 10 days and only tested for titers or efficacy, little to no concern for adverse reactions. During trials they are given with the already loaded schedule as anything else is labeled unethical. If there is a bad outcome, it would be impossible to tease out if the vaccine being tested was the culprit or another vaccine or simply receiving 8 or 9 in one go. We acknowledge adverse reactions to vaccines in veterinary care that can occur months or even years after vaccination, then claim it never ever happens in children, We do not even acknowledge reactions immediately following vaccination or in the first 24 hours when it comes to our babies.

During vaccine trials only full term, clinically screened babies found to be in perfect health are used for the trials. However after approvals, they are freely given without hesitation to premature infants, babies who are sick, or visiting an emergency room for other reasons.

Not only do we have every right to question the companies that make vaccines and conduct their own trials, and question the federal agencies who approve, promote, and oversee our vaccine program, we have every right to choose whether to trust those same agencies with the health of our children an ourselves.

If it is mandated that all children except those with a medical waiver, have to receive every vaccine on the schedule, what happens when the 395 additional vaccines now in clinical trials or the FDA approval process are added to that list. We believe that hundreds of thousands more will have 2<sup>nd</sup> thoughts when they are being asked to allow their children to receive 200 to 300 different vaccines. Hey Paul Offitt says they can safely get 100,000 in a single day, no problem. Will you be for mandates then, with no options to opt out of any vaccines? Will you be rushing your own children to the pediatrician to get 20 vaccines in a single visit or 400 vaccines by the age of 18.

#### WHAT WILL MANDATES MEAN?

Once you take away the right to choose to vaccinate or not or even to selectively vaccinate, then every vaccine that comes along and is approved by the Vaccine Advisory Board will be required without choice, perhaps a vaccine to prevent your child from becoming a smoker later in life, or a vaccine for ear aches which your child may or may not even suffer from. What about new and questionable vaccines for HIV, Ebola, Dengue Fever, Staph, Malaria, Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Cholera, MRSA, Herpes, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis E, The Plague, SARS, Anthrax, West Nile Virus, Arboviral Encephalitides, La Crosse Encephalitis, Japanese Encephalitis, Rift Valley Fever, Chikungunya Virus, and new Smallpox vaccines. Of the 395 vaccines now in trials or approval stage 24 of these have been given fast track status by the FDA.

You may say some of these are only for developing countries, but all it takes is that one sentence that every disease in the world is only an airplane ride away and suddenly we will be mandated to take all the vaccines available, approved, and mandated whether necessary or not. And if there is one thing we have noticed is that no pharmaceutical company is inventing a vaccine without expecting it to be added to the schedule, and the Federal Vaccine Advisory Board has never met a vaccine it didn't like. There seems no end to this madness.

If mandated without exception you will be knowingly maiming and killing some children in the name of others. You will sweep in families already devastated by vaccine reactions. Asking them to sacrifice more children or children already injured but unable to get any doctors to acknowledge it. One family I know, their child suffered an immediate and near fatal reaction to a round of 7 vaccines given in a single visit. The child was rushed to the ER and spent nearly 3 months in the hospital and came home damaged for life. While this reaction was acknowledged, reported, and even compensated by the vaccine court a few months later their pediatrician would not give them a medical waiver. He stated to the mother, "since we do not know which of the 7 vaccines caused the reaction that day, I recommend we now do only one at a time and see what happens." See what happens? Oh I get it, so when the child dies from the ONE, well at least we will know which one caused the original injury and of course do away with this "burden on society" the orignally injury brought about. When the family, friends, relatives, co-workers, church members, and acquaintences all witness this callous disregard for life, the playing of

vaccine russian roulette with a child's life, they too question the vaccines, the system, the onesize-fits all vaccine schedule and hence the growing numbers of people opting out and saying NO Thanks, I want no part of that.

Many love to say that parents who are not vaccinating refuse to listen to and acknowledge the science. We say science refuses to listen to and acknowledge parents.

#### CAN WE TRUST THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES?

We now have science proven to be bought and paid for by the companies that benefit from the same. Ghost writers, hidden data, lies, and even with fines being levied in the billions of dollars they continue. Why? Because pharmaceutical whistleblowers tell us that the profits so outweigh the fines it simply is considered part of the "cost of doing business".

Everyone has heard about the VIOXX scandal. Merck gave the FDA misleading statistics to trick them into thinking the drug was safe, set up biased filters on their studies to make the results look better. They hoodwinked the FDA and the New England Journal of Medicine and took advantage of the public trust. The figures put the deaths of Americans from VIOXX anywhere from 10,000 people to 100,000. When VIOXX was withdrawn from the market it brought about a shocking and precipitous drop in the U.S. death rate for the following 12 months.

Whistleblowers have told Congress that most research is not even to determine overall risks or benefits, the research is simply for marketing. It is to give doctors validation to prescribe their drugs for diseases that the pharmaceutical companies have invented as a disease or disorder. They are designed to find a niche difference from a competitor. They are supervised not by scientists but by the marketing departments.

Pharmaceuticals are designing, conducting, and analyzing their own studies, doing the write-up for medical journals and putting doctors and scientists names on them that are beholden to them for study grants. The system is so broken that the real scientists at our most prestigious journals have resigned in disgust.

Pharmaceutical companies are being fined record level fines for selling their drugs to physicians by lying about what they can and cannot do and what they can be prescribed for even if not proven, including prescribing a drug for children, off label and when never tested on children.

VIOXX, Seroquel, Zyprexa, Prozac, Celexa, Lexapro, Lyrica, Celebrex, Effexor, Risperdal, Paxil, and many more involved in fraud, fines, and deaths.

You are telling us the science is done. Vaccines are safe and effective. These pharmaceutical companies have made it quite clear that they will do or say anything to protect the bottom line, to increase market share and profits. Merck right now is being taken to court for fudging their numbers on the efficacy of the mumps component of the MMR to not only get approval but to maintain their monopoly on this vaccine.

You are asking us to give a free pass to vaccines designed, made, and tested by the same people who have shown they have no problem in causing human death if it improves profits. I am not willing to put my child's life on the line, with companies who have proven a callous disregard for human life.

#### **CAN WE TRUST THE CDC?**

The U.S. government health agencies, military and CIA have a history of unethical experiments in the U.S. and abroad. These have most often been conducted on women, minorities, and children with disabilities or who were orphans. It has included injecting people with debilitating diseases, exposing people to biological or chemical weapons, radiation. Toxins, experimental surgeries, mind altering substances, and unethical trials for drugs and vaccines. The U.S. health services conducted the studies in Tuskeegee that recorded the death process of blacks with syphilis from 1932 to 1972 despite the fact there was an effective cure. We also infected people with STDs in Guatemala to test treatments without informed consent. There are literally hundreds of events that could be listed here and some will say this is purely a dark side, a historic dark side of American medical and scientific research.

Yet just in 1990 we learned that the CDC in collaboration with John's Hopkins University injected 1500 black and hispanic babies in inner city Los Angeles with an experimental MMR vaccine with a high potency Edmonston Zagreb measles component without telling the participants that their babies were receiving an experimental vaccine. They were giving this vaccine to babies as young as 4 months, attempting to see if they could override maternal antibodies and replace them with vaccine antibodies, MMR is typically not given until one year of age, in part because of maternal antibodies and also because of developmental neurology.

It is estimated that 98 million Americans were injected with a polio vaccine contaminated with the SV40 virus, a known carcinogenic virus that is actual used in laboratories to induce soft tissue tumors in lab animals. They are now finding SV40 in over 70 percent of adult soft tissue tumors and 40 percent in children's tumors that supposedly never received the tainted vaccine. The CDC never recalled the vaccines, they quietly killed the monkeys and brought in new African Green Monkeys. They can't explain how children now have the virus unless it is either 1) still in the vaccine or 2) being passed from parent to child in our DNA. Either scenario is terrifying. This was no conspiracy by millions but a few at the very top making a decision that affected millions of people unawares of the danger, so acting without true informed consent. The fear was that the public would lose trust in the vaccination program and think it unsafe, even though it was indeed unsafe. 20 years later they would do it again, and again with devastating consequences.

In the 1980s the CDC realized that Factor VIII, a clotting factor product for hemopheliacs around the world had been contaminated with the AIDS virus. As new cases came in it was undeniable what was happening. Secret meetings were held where a few brave souls fought for us but in the end it was decided to keep it silent. The reason again was not to protect human life but "the program". They did not want Americans to lose faith in the blood supply system and think it unsafe, even though it was indeed unsafe. Doctors and patients were told the rumors were false and they could continue to use the product without concern. It was SAFE and EFFECTIVE.

They would sign the death warrants of 15,000 of the 18,000 hemopheliacs in the U.S. at the time, along with thousands of spouses and others. At least 20,000 or more outside the U.S. and court cases surrounding this event are still going through the courts today, no doubt waiting for the victims to die as most have. No huge conspiracy involving millions, just a few at the highest levels making life and death decisions for people and lieing to cover it up. Protecting "the program" over human life.

These are the very people you expect us to trust. We know they are protecting "the system" at the expense of millions. They will kill to do so, you really think they care if a few million are autistic or autoimmune compromised or will suffer from life-long disease? They have altered studies, lied to the public while saying the opposite amongst themselves, destroyed the lives of anyone who dare speak out against them. They will do ANYTHING to keep the gravy train going, and to convince a scared and gullible public that the bloated and growing vaccine schedule is SAFE and EFFECTIVE, even if it is not.

Thank you

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