

Subject: Re: Amendment to SB895

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I am writing this second email to specifically address the **amendment to 895, 895-2. Again, I am neither pro-vaccine or anti-vaccine. I am a scientist, a botanist, a mother of a 7 year old boy, a citizen of Oregon, concerned with the last minute insertion of language from SB442 by Senator Steiner-Hayward. Clearly, she was not able to get this issue through the appropriate committee, the Health Committee, and now she is attempting to use the Education Committee to slip in language that should be reviewed by the Health Committee. Is this common practice in our fine state of Oregon? This seems shameless, slimy and deceptive. I expect more from my state legislators! More specifically my concerns include the following:**

- I object to removal of the vaccine education module in lieu of a physician's signature verifying the patient has been lectured on the risks and benefits of immunization. The module is sufficient and does not put undue burden on families who will have to take time off work and pay for another doctor's visit.
- I object to not allowing Naturopaths to provide their signature that they have counselled their patients about vaccines. Naturopaths are licensed physicians and provide primary care to our family and many others we know. They are just as qualified to discuss vaccinations with their patients as MDs. And why would a less educated physician's assistant or nurse practitioner be more qualified to discuss vaccinations with a patient than a licensed naturopath?
- I object to requiring schools to publish records of students with a vaccine exemption. Though the reports are supposed to be anonymous, it's highly likely that word will get out as to who is exempt. This will result in shaming and discrimination against students and families by those who have an irrational fear of unvaccinated children, most of whom are selectively vaccinated against the most dangerous diseases anyway.

Thank you again,

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If you knew you could not fail, what would you most want to do for the world?"