

Subject: Please OPPOSE SB 895

April 12, 2015

Honorable members of the Oregon State Legislature:

My name is Stephanie Miller. I am the mother of four children and an Oregon resident. I am asking you to please OPPOSE SB 895.

My family history:

My oldest child, now 14, reacted to the Prevnar vaccine at 2 years of age. The pediatrician informed me that this vaccine would prevent ear infections. She was given the Prevnar vaccine on 9/10/2002 and on 10/08/02 she received a diagnosis of a double ear infection and was treated with antibiotics. The double ear infections occurred continuously for the next 4 years; requiring multiple courses of antibiotics and 3 ear surgeries. As a result of these ear infections, she has been diagnosed with an auditory processing disorder, for which she still suffers 12 years later and impacts her everyday life. It affects her schooling; she has a current IEP; which allots for double time on all homework assignments, and tests, gives her speech therapy for 60 minutes a week, as well as preferential seating in the classroom.

My second child, now 11, reacted to her 18 month vaccines, which included; the DTaP, Polio, Hib, Hep B and Prevnar vaccines. My daughter, at the age of 21 months was diagnosed with Autism. My child regressed extremely quickly, within 3 months of her last "well child" visit; where the pediatrician stated that she was developing normally, meeting ALL developmental milestones and with NO health concerns. She is now 11, in an ASD classroom with 1 teacher, 3 aides and 5 other students.

This is where our story differs from most:

My 2 younger children, 10 and 8 are completely unvaccinated, in perfect health and labeled by the school system as being "Gifted." My children have the same parents; same OB/GYN care; same house; same everything, except vaccines.

So my question to you is:

If vaccines are safe and effective, why are people scared of the unvaccinated?
If vaccines are safe and effective, why are more and more parents refusing vaccines?
If vaccines are safe and effective, why are more and more parents around the world stating that vaccines caused their children's autism?
If vaccines are safe and effective, why are the manufacturers and doctors exempted from ALL liability?

The CDC states that 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with Autism (birth year 2002).
The CDC states that 1 in 42 boys are diagnosed with Autism (birth year 2002).
The CDC states that 1 in 6 children have a developmental delay.

These are frightening numbers, that are increasing on average 15% each year. Link to CDC autism stats: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>

Trust the parents, we have a vested interest in raising happy, healthy, and productive children. We do not want our children to get sick; but without the proper checks and balances that are afforded to ALL other aspects of life, I can NOT and will NOT subject my children to further harm.

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Thank you for your time,
Stephanie Miller