

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to let you know that as an Oregonian I strongly oppose Bill HB 3063. This is a parental rights issue and by passing this bill, rights of parents are being taken away.

By removing non-medical exemptions for vaccinations, over 31,000 students in Oregon will be affected. For various reasons, their parents have decided to not vaccinate their children. An education should not be denied these children because of their vaccination status. What is the state expecting these thousands of children to do if this bill passes? A majority of these families will still not vaccinate and will either move to another state or begin homeschooling their children. This will affect public school funding and the economy of our great state. Not all families have the option of homeschooling as both parents need to work to earn an income they can live on. If one parent stays home in order to home school their children, these families will be trying to live off of one income which will also affect Oregon's economy and poverty rates.

Many of these children have already endured an injury from vaccines and have nearly an impossible task of getting a medical exemption in Oregon.

The unvaccinated rate in Oregon is only 2.6%.

My family will directly be affected by this bill if it is passed since my children attend with a public charter school. This program has been great for my kids and offers a wide range of classes. If the non-medical exemption is removed, my children will then be home schooled and miss out on parts of their education that should not be denied for any reason.

Thank you for your time,  
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