

Dear Friends,

I am sorry that I can't be with you for the discussion of House Bill 3063. I would like to speak with you in person, but email will have to suffice at this time.

I am greatly concerned about House Bill 3063 as it forces people to choose between allowing their child to attend public school or following the CDC's recommendation on vaccinations. My children have received vaccinations, but that is because I've chosen to do so, it should neither be forced upon a family nor a requirement to attend school.

Though my children have received immunizations, I have a child with a mutated gene who cannot detox as effectively as the others. For him, I'm opting for a slower vaccination schedule than what is recommended. For families such as ours, requiring immunizations to be on the CDC's schedule by the time a child is school age requires a family to not allow their child to go to public school should they feel uncomfortable with any of the CDC's vaccinations or schedule.

Our family is full of teachers who care deeply for their students. It is our hope that families can choose to send their children to school and not be forced out because of this bill.

Please protect children and families and their right to make their own decisions regarding healthcare. Please do not allow the opportunity to attend public school become unattainable for families who would rather not follow the CDC's schedule. Healthcare decisions should be made by families and their physicians.

I respectfully ask you to stand for *choice* and *freedom* and **oppose HB3063**.

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