

I am writing in opposition of HB3063. My wife has a horrible auto immune disease at the hands of the MMR vaccine and our children are not recommended to have immunizations as anyone born to a woman with a compromised immune system due to an autoimmune disease is not recommended to receive them due to their already compromised immune systems. There risks do not outweigh their benefits. If vaccines work so well it should not be worrisome that 2.6% of Oregon elects not to vaccinate. It is clear someone is worried about their political campaign contributions not the lives of Oregon's youth.

Vaccines are just like other pharmaceutical products in that they can cause injury and death in some people, and come with contraindications for others. The United States Government has paid out more than [\\$4 billion dollars to vaccine victims](#) through the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#).

Vaccines manufacturers and the doctors who administer vaccines are shielded from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths through the combination of the [law passed by Congress in 1986 establishing the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#) and the 2011 Supreme Court Decision [BRUESEWITZ ET AL. v. WYETH LLC, FKA WYETH, INC., ET AL.](#)

[Children today receive 69 doses of vaccines for 16 different viral and bacterial illnesses](#) which more than doubles the government childhood schedule of [34 doses of 11 different vaccines in the year 2000](#). A vaccine exemption is filed regardless of whether the exemption is filed for one dose or all doses. 35 doses and 5 more unique vaccines have been added to the schedule in the last 15 years.

There is no end in sight. America's biopharmaceutical research companies are [developing more than 260 vaccines](#). This philosophical exemption needs to be preserved for families to have options. The Oregon health authority is given very broad authority to adopt rules concerning vaccination, including adding new vaccines required for school. <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/433.273>

The [U.S. Vaccine Market](#) alone was \$36.45 Billion in 2018, and expected to reach \$50.42 billion by 2023. This is a very powerful industry with lots of resources to lobby and influence policy to remove parental rights to be able to delay or decline a vaccine. The industry benefits from forced use.

It's hypocritical for doctors to try to remove a philosophical exemption for vaccine mandates for school children when The American Medical Association, in section [9.133 Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians](#) of the AMA Code of Ethics, affirm the right to both religious and philosophical exceptions for themselves to decline vaccination.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, [this year's measles outbreak nationwide so far is only 159 cases but 2011 saw 220 cases, 2014 had 667 and last year there were 372 reported cases](#). There is no emergency.

According to the [Oregon Health Authority 95.3% of students in K-12 in Oregon have received 2 doses of MMR Vaccine.](#)

Vaccine risks are facts, not opinions. As of November 30, 2018, there have been more than [92,844](#) reports of just measles vaccine reactions, hospitalizations, injuries and deaths following measles vaccinations made to the federal [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#), including [457](#) related deaths, [6,902](#) hospitalizations, and [1,736](#) related disabilities. [Over 50%](#) of those adverse events occurred in children three years old and under.

As of January 2, 2019, there had been [1,258](#) claims filed in the federal [Vaccine Injury Compensation Program \(VICP\)](#) for injuries and deaths following MMR vaccination, including 82 deaths and 1,176 serious injuries.

Sincerely,

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