

I ask that the current bill to end vaccine exemptions DOES NOT pass. My child developed encephalitis (severe brain swelling) after a dose of the polio and hepatitis A vaccine. She will not qualify for medical exemptions under the new law due to not developing a **permanent** seizure disorder. This new bill is unfair to my daughter and other vaccine injured children, and puts their lives at risk.

Additionally, I would like to add what has been said by Dr. Jennifer Margulis who is a physician in private practice in Oregon, serving over 3,000 families. She states that immunization rates are not decreasing in Oregon, and are staying steady. We are well above herd immunity, and there is no need to pass this legislation as children are not at any increased risk.

No one has died or been seriously injured by the measles cases in Oregon and Washington thus far, and are all healed and have moved on with their lives. Currently, we are well within the average number of measles cases that we ordinarily see yearly. Also, despite vaccination and exemptions, we have had 1 death from live measles in the USA since 2003. Conversely, we have had over 100 deaths from measles **vaccinations** in that time. Those 100 lives should not be taken lightly, and those numbers will increase if mandates like this one are passed.

I believe this is a push by pharmaceutical industries to create a mandatory market for their products, and that is morally reprehensible. We do not have an outbreak in Oregon, we have 4 cases of measles. Do the right thing, allow for Oregonians to practice their religious freedom, and keep our current exemptions. If this were not a push by a corporation, I would think that the bill would still allow for private/parochial schools to choose their position on vaccine exemptions, as they are religious institutions, but this bill does not even allow that. How much government control over our bodies do we want? What precedent does a law like this set? Are mandatory adult vaccinations next? No government should have the power to make a person inject into themselves a product that has not been approved by that individual. This is draconian and unconstitutional at best.

Do not take away the freedom of Oregonians in order to appease corporate profiteers. Parents are not making up the claims that their children have been seriously harmed, even killed, by vaccines. Why would they make this up? What sense does that make? We are not just cattle in a herd, where some deaths should be expected. We are humans, we pay taxes, and we vote. If nothing else, remember that before putting our lives on the line- if that matters at all to lawmakers in Oregon.

Thank you for your time.