

Dear House Health Care Committee members,

HB 3063 bill appears to feed upon a fearful mentality that getting diseases like measles are worse than the vaccine and that excluding a small minority of children would benefit the majority. Its no wonder the bill sponsors in Oregon believe this as they've been bombarded by fear fueled propaganda for two solid months.

Every day since January 16, newspapers such as the Oregonian, have ran inflammatory articles blaming an unvaccinated child and calling measles dangerous.

Why wouldn't you believe otherwise unless you were one of the folks who contracted it as a child and remember how it was a week off school and a cold like illness with a rash, per the CDC.

Of course you would believe every newspaper, television and social media story that furthered the belief that death was imminent. One bill sponsor believed it so intensely he declared an outbreak in the hundreds was forthcoming.

I didn't believe it.

I don't believe the media portrays this issue in a balanced manner because they rely on money from advertisers.

Pharmaceutical companies pay for a huge majority of their ads.

I don't believe news outlets can be entirely objective when money is involved.

I believe, Like Dr. Paul Cieslak from the OHA, does when he gave his measles presentation to the House Committee on Health Care 3 weeks ago that, "the majority of people recover fine."

What is the primary concern of the bill?

Is it to punish parents who don't do as the majority have done?

Are the sponsors upset we believe differently?

Is the aim of the bill to further harm susceptible children like mine who were harmed by vaccines?

Will removing the small minority actually make a difference in herd immunity since teachers, aides, bus drivers and parents won't be mandated to be fully vaccinated?

Is this bill backed by a financially motivated lobbying group?

Perhaps the sponsors didn't yet know about the vaccination rates remaining steady per the CDC and the OHA. The exemption rate for fully unvaccinated school kids is a mere 2.3%. This data is readily available so the bill is unnecessary.

Perhaps the sponsors didn't know about those of us parents who have children who suffered an adverse reaction. They've seen our testimony now and can pull this bill.

Perhaps the sponsors didn't know about the 579 adverse events that occurred in Oregon last year, 4 of which were deaths!

Perhaps the sponsors didn't know that there were no deaths from the Measles outbreak in Washington and the cases have all resolved.

They've seen the data now so a "NO" vote is the only logical conclusion.

Perhaps the sponsors didn't know that there are always cases of measles in the US every year. Now that that is clear, we can all be reassured.

Perhaps the bill sponsors didn't know that the whooping cough outbreak that occurred in Lane County last year occurred mostly in the vaccinated-78%! OHA has this data readily available so we know herd immunity is impossible with the dTap vaccine.

I am sure the sponsors want what's best for children, and on that I can agree. I want what's best for *all* children.

Is this bill best for all children?

Ultimately, the sponsors have different beliefs than I do. I believe my vaccine injured kid is not a disease carrier.

The sponsors believe the disease is worse than the vaccine.

I believe the vaccine is worse because I've experienced it.

The sponsors believe the financial incentives are a byproduct of an altruistic industry who only want to see a healthy public.

I do not believe this or there wouldn't be an opioid epidemic nor a vaccine industry with no product liability. I believe if the government shields an industry from lawsuits, then the government does not get to mandate their product.

Please do not vote to remove my child from school based on a set of beliefs that are caused by fear mongering in the media that told half of the story. HB 3063 is a terrible bill to believe in.

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