

Citizen Testimony on HB 3063

By Nicole Kraus

I'd like to thank you, Representative Helt and committee members for listening to my heartfelt words.

I'd like to add my voice to the thousands of others and urge you to end this bill due to its violation of my parental rights and discrimination against a minority. My name is Nikki Kraus and I am a resident of Salem and a very concerned citizen of Oregon.

In the name of science, I am asking this committee to seriously consider the facts and information that I am about to present. There are six, I repeat SIX side effects from the contraction of measles. In favor of time, I will skip listing those six side effects not unlike the common flu. It's important to note that all of those symptoms which can be treated and controlled with easily-attainable anti-biotics.

In contrast to the side effects of contracting the actual virus, I'd like to share with you just a few of the side effects found in the CDC handout for the measles vaccine. There are over 50 side effects.

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| 1. Measles | 4. Bleeding and bruising |
| 2. Seizures | 5. Diabetes |
| 3. Arthritis | 6. Death |

Meet my daughter, Brynn. She suffers from chronic juvenile rheumatoid idiopathic arthritis without a single vaccination. Imagine the side effects that she would experience in the event that you decide to remove my right to a philosophical exemption and force me to vaccinate my child. Death is one of those side effects. I'd like to ask you to consider my situation, committee members. Does loss of life feel like a side effect of this bill that you are comfortable passing into law?

My last piece of science lies within the genetics of my children. My husband has a genetic mutation called MTHFR which can lead to auto-immune disorders as well as violent reactions to vaccines. According to science and this piece of

legislation, if I am forced to vaccinate my children, they run the very, very high risk of becoming injured and dying in my arms.

I am begging this committee to look into the eyes of these families including their children. Look at the lives that you are affecting with this bill and the futures that you are changing.

We are not trying to infect other people with a virus. We are trying to keep our precious babies alive and perhaps, healthy.

Today, I am strongly urging you, Representatives, to end this bill and save the lives of our children which could end from mandatory vaccinations.

Thank you for your time.