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Committee Members,

I oppose HB3063.

My name is Marina Ray and I am writing because I am strongly AGAINST HB3063. My family and extended family all live in Oregon. This is our home. For many years I was a senior counterterrorism analyst for the Federal Government. I am now a Speech Language Pathologist working in the public schools.

There is a current focus to protect the most vulnerable and immunocompromised with this bill, but the truth is I BECAME immunocompromised from vaccination. No one is trying to protect me, my 19 month old baby boy, or the countless children who have suffered serious health conditions from vaccinations. Vaccines are NOT one size fit all. The situation is way more complicated than that. While they may be safe for some, they are NOT safe for all. These children also need to be protected who are genetically susceptible to vaccine injury. Who is advocating for them? I plead with you to change your position and be an advocate for these children as well. Vaccine injury is REAL and NOT RARE. It happened to me.

This is my story:

As a young adult in my mid 20s I received several vaccines when I worked for the Federal government in preparation for serving overseas in Iraq. I was young and naive and I didn't know what the ramifications could possibly be. I remember going back in for more shots and the nurse had not recorded previous shots I had received, so I received extra doses of the Hep B vaccine.

Shortly thereafter I came down with a severe immune chronic condition. This morphed into other chronic inflammatory immune conditions as well in the months to come.

I had been incredibly healthy running 5 miles a day. There was NO ONE in my family with these conditions. They came out of nowhere. This was not just "a coincidence." For years I have heard doctors call me a "weird duck" as they scratch their head.

These health problems have affected my whole life in every possibly way- physically and financially. It is also a lonely road telling my story as very few believe that you can be vaccine injured. The feelings of loneliness are intense. I now wish I could go back in time. I wish that I never worked for the CIA, served in Iraq and overseas at the Embassy in Amman as this led me to receiving these vaccines which changed the course of my entire life.

Even though my doctor does not believe I should EVER receive any more vaccines I am unable to receive a medical exemption in Oregon for myself or my 19 month old even though on the CDC website it says that if there is family history of "immune system problems" your child should not get an MMR vaccine. I just went on Friday 2/9/19 to talk to my doctor about this and "there is nothing she can do."

Having both nonmedical and medical exemptions available in Oregon allow families to make the best decision for their healthcare, between them and their doctor, based on their family medical history and religious and philosophical values

In essence getting rid of non-medical exemptions means getting rid of ALL exemptions since it is impossible to get a medical exemption in Oregon. Please note, while I think the medical exemption criteria certainly needs to be broadened, I do not believe that medical exemptions should be the only reason to not receive a vaccine. People should have the freedom to choose what goes into their body for BOTH philosophical and religious reasons as well, especially since MANY vaccines are made from aborted fetal cells. Religious freedom is a crucial right that needs to be protected.

Oregon already has a high vaccination rate and this is not necessary. The MMR rate is over 95 percent. The current schedule IS Working. Anyone who says otherwise, I have to believe, has a different agenda.

There is a current focus to protect the most vulnerable and immunocompromised with HB3063, but the truth is I BECAME immunocompromised from vaccination. No one is trying to protect me. I should not be put to the slaughter nor my 19 month old baby boy, because of fear, when the true unvaccinated rate for K-12 is 2.6 percent according to the OHA. We need to be protected too. Taking away our freedom is not the answer.

I do not believe that Representatives Greenlick, Wilde or Schouten have my best interest at heart. They should not be allowed to make decisions about my healthcare. Parents have the right to be concerned that 20 years ago there were about 20 vaccine doses on the schedule and now about 70. This is of valid concern. There have been no double blind placebo studies on the cumulative effects of the Current CDC schedule. The synergistic effects of all these vaccines have not been adequately studied for safety and more continue to be added.

Vaccine injury is real and not rare. I have two masters degrees, one from an ivy league school, and I am sick and tired of being told that things are “a coincidence.” This is happening over and over where people are becoming severely sick and developing chronic health conditions from vaccines and people have the right to a well designed vaxxed vs. unvaxxed study which has never been done. This is not just a coincidence and the dismissing of people’s stories needs to stop. By their very nature vaccines are meant to create an immune response and for some people with genetic predisposition vaccines are not safe. For these people, such as myself, Severe Health conditions are triggered. **THESE PEOPLE NEED TO BE PROTECTED TOO.** I am also sick of reading in comment sections re:vaccines that “at least” the person who experienced dreadful side effects from a vaccine “is not dead.” Oh brother. Living with a severe chronic disease is absolutely awful in about every possible way and I don’t wish it on anyone.

The idea that Greenlick would cavalierly say that students who don’t get fully vaccinated should be homeschooled is atrocious. I went to an Ivy league school and my child has the right to go to one as well. This is EDUCATIONAL SEGREGATION. We should be better than California and this should not happen here in Oregon.

There are some parents who don’t think that their child should have HPV or HEP B if they are not sexually active yet. They might have the majority of vaccines but not all. That is their right. My UC Berkeley trained doctor doesn’t think rotavirus is necessary anymore, for example.

Regardless, my child has the right to a decent education like every other child. This “outbreak” was not started in schools, but from someone who traveled from overseas. Children should not

be punished due to fear mongering. Again, the concern is on protecting the most vulnerable but my child and I are not protected in the process! Many outbreaks actually start in VACCINATED populations. The idea that the unvaxxed are the threat is NOT BASED ON SCIENCE OR RESEARCH.

My child cannot spread what he does not have! On the contrary, the first week I went back to work from maternity leave, my baby got RSV in daycare. Should that child be sent to a desert island as well? Every week my child is getting roseola, fifth disease, colds, fevers, rashes, hand foot and mouth from daycare. Should those children be punished as well? When will this stop? The CDC schedule keeps growing and diseases keep mutating. We can't vaccinate against every single one. In 10 years will there be 150 vaccines on the schedule?

And where is the recourse if there are vaccine mandates? I can't sue the vaccine companies. And if I stage a rebellion I am at risk of losing my child to DHS. So people will be "controlled" and put between a rock and a hard place. This is not right. This is COERCION and against the Nuremberg code. We live in a society where women have the "right to choose" to kill their babies (which certainly affects the life of the baby) and can also decide death with dignity, but I can't decide what I inject in my own body? This is pure crazy.

Trust me, if vaccine mandates are passed, you will have people going underground and feigned compliance. This is not the answer. Raising the MMR rate from 96 percent to 98 percent isn't going to solve your problem. Live virus vaccines shed and you can also get measles from the MMR. The immunocompromised like MYSELF or young infants still need to take precautions. This needs to be done against the threat for any disease.

Additionally, this bill is bad for women. Democrat lawmakers are constantly talking about womens' rights and women's equality. But WHO will be forced to stay home to homeschool? It will be women. Thousands of women will have to stay home to homeschool. This bill is NOT FAIR to women and punishes them. I have spent years building my career to be on an equal footing with men. Furthermore, due to my own health problems that were caused by vaccines and medical bills, we cannot afford for me to not work. If you truly care about women, women's equality, and children, like you say you do, you will not support this bill.

I oppose HB3063, HB2783, as well as future legislation that mandates vaccines. Vaccine mandates are discrimination. They take away religious freedom. And they discriminate against those who have developed serious health conditions from vaccines. Saying that people can choose to not vaccinate and then be homeschooled is NOT A CHOICE. THIS IS CALLED COERCION. If this bill is passed, the message is that legislators don't care about a huge part of the population that have been maimed from vaccines or who have family members who have been, and people will be forced to go underground.

I plead with you to remove your sponsorship of this bill. I have a right to be protected too as well as my baby boy.

Thanks,

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