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Re: HB-3063

To whom it may concern;

My name is Danielle Trapp, I live in Canby, Oregon and I am “the immunocompromised”. I am a 37 year old mother of five beautiful and healthy children as well as a small business owner. When I was 14 years old I was diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis, an autoimmune disease that attacks healthy cells in my colon causing extreme pain, bleeding, incontinence, and numerous other less than savory symptoms.

This condition has been a part of my life more than it hasn't and, when in a full flare up, has prevented me from enjoying many of the events of my children's lives. In order to try keeping it at bay, and me alive, I require two medications. Infiximab is an IV infusion classified as a chemotherapy drug and azothioprine is a drug nearly every organ transplant patient is on. Both of these medications are heavy immunosuppressants and are required to be taken for the duration of a patient's life.

According to the pharmaceutical manufacturers, neither of these drugs are compatible with live vaccines and are strongly discouraged from either receiving a live vaccine or being exposed to individuals who recently have. Many argue live vaccines do not shed but that is absolutely not the case for those on heavy doses of immunosuppressants. Even packaging inserts from the CDC on these vaccines state this.

If this bill, HB-3063, were to pass I would be required by the state to give all five of my children at least three live vaccines at varying points while I make arrangements to have them cared for by someone other than myself for up to four weeks with each dose. Could you imagine not being able to hug or kiss your children for a month at a time? Missing out on bedtime routines, morning snuggles, helping with homework.

The passing of this bill would require me to consider whether I'd be pulling my children from their schools and homeschooling or choosing to relocate my family and my business to another state that believes in the right to choose which pharmaceuticals my children do or do not get.

Medical exemptions are extremely hard to get in the state of Oregon, and would not apply to my children even in a case where their receipt of these live vaccines could turn potentially lethal for me. Family members' diagnoses, family history of vaccine injury, and more are not qualifications for medical exemptions and are extremely unethical and inconsiderate.

I find this a completely unfair bill to anyone on the types of medications I am on to be forced to make these types of decisions for their families. The stress and burden of living with a chronic condition is one thing, the anxiety of making the safest and healthiest decisions for children is another, but being forced to comply with mandatory vaccination is something I never thought I would have to worry about while living in a country like the United States of America.

I urge you to consider families like mine when making this decision; the people who don't have it so black and white.

Warmest regards,

Danielle Trapp