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To: [HHC Exhibits](#)
Subject: House Bill 3063 Testimony
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Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB3063. I am a concerned mother of strong religious conviction. I cannot in good conscience follow the recommended vaccine schedule for myself or my children. The Supreme Court has interpreted religion to mean a sincere and meaningful belief that occupies in the life of its possessor a place parallel to the place held by God in the lives of other persons. Under this bill, my children would be discriminated against because of our family's religious beliefs. In this country, all children have the right to an education despite the families religious practices. To deny our children access to the education system is discriminatory and unethical.

Religious beliefs are a part of who a person is on a fundamental level. I cannot change my beliefs on a whim. I have been offended by people referring to the exercise of my beliefs as a loophole. The United States should be the last place on earth where I would face religious discrimination.

Sincerely,

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