

Informed consent is embraced by medical professionals as an ethical obligation and legal compulsion, but eliminating non-medical exemptions for vaccines thereby also eliminates informed consent. In a statement made February 26, 2019 about vaccine mandates, The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) said "Governmental preemption of patients' or parents' decisions about accepting drugs or other medical interventions is a serious intrusion into individual liberty, autonomy, and parental decisions about child-rearing." And that the "AAPS believes that liberty rights are unalienable. Patients and parents have the right to refuse vaccination". The complete statement of the AAPS can be found at <https://aapsonline.org/measles-outbreak-and-federal-vaccine-mandates/> (by Jane M. Orient, M.D., Executive Director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons).

When there is a large body of documented risk from a pharmaceutical product whose manufacturers have zero liability, a choice for patients and parents to receive that substance or not is clearly necessary, lest we destroy a critical piece of the foundation of our society that claims to have liberty and freedom. I strongly oppose HB 3063.

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