

I, Lori Barker, oppose Mandatory Vaccination Bill HB 3063.

First, I have a gene mutation that passes onto my biological children putting them at risk of being unable to remove large doses of toxins from their bodies. The current CDC schedule would give my children heavy metal poisoning and toxicity, which causes disorders such as autism, ADHD, autoimmune diseases, multiple sclerosis, fibromyalgia, heart disease, addiction, and miscarriages. Forty percent of individuals have this same mutation as I do, putting them at risk for heavy metal poisoning and toxicity too. The mandatory vaccination bill takes away the parents' rights to protect their children from adverse reactions caused by the child's genetic predispositions.

Second, I am a foster parent. It took two and a half years to get all of our foster child's (now our adopted child) medical records to even know how many vaccines she had received. Insurances do not cover titers to check a child's immunity and therefore, foster parents are forced to reject additional toxins into these children in order to be in compliance with the state school vaccine requirements. Many of our foster children in Oregon come from drug backgrounds. Their brains have already been overloaded with toxins and the government wants to mandate additional toxins in the form of vaccinations. The mandatory vaccination bill fails to protect our most vulnerable population, foster children, by focusing unnecessary repeat vaccines due to a failure of acquiring updated medical records and removing a foster parent's right to sign vaccine exception forms until accurate updated medical records can be provided.

Last, as an American citizen it is my first amendment right to religious freedom. Schools fall under the protection of our first amendment right and therefore, no law can be made that prohibits our rights to exercise our chosen religion openly without government interference. Just as a student can wear their religious clothing and symbols my children have the right to refuse medical care that goes against their religion. The adoption of US Department of Education Guidelines on Religious Expression in Public Schools in 1995 states that schools may not forbid students acting on their own from expressing their personal religious beliefs and schools may not discriminate against private religious expression by students. The mandatory vaccination bill discriminates against religious followers and infringes on our first amendment right.

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