

To the Legislature:

I am writing to voice my opposition of HB 3063. I am a mother to 2 young sons. I have chosen an alternate schedule for my sons because my highly educated medical professionals have supported this. My own research has also supported this. I have a Master's degree and work in the medical field.

I am concerned that vaccines have not been properly studied (double blind placebo-controlled). I am fearful about the information coming out about adjuvants used in vaccines and their potential link to autoimmune issues. My older son's father suffers with an autoimmune condition. It is for this reason specifically we opted to go with an alternate schedule and means for vaccination as statistically he is at a much higher risk for malreaction as well as autoimmune issues himself. If there was a vaccine mandate in place, I would no longer have a choice about how to approach this safely on his behalf. I find this utterly frightening. He doesn't have a medical reason for an exemption yet I have solid, medical practitioner-supported reasons for making different choices than the CDC's recommendations.

I am outraged that education would be denied to children based on their immunization record. This when statistics show that unvaccinated children do not pose a threat to herd immunity or vaccinated children. Answer this: how would the 20% or so who are unaffected by vaccinations be identified? Or the adults who were insufficiently boosted? Are these people not a greater threat to herd immunity statistically? Would these people also be denied access to public amenities?

I am asking you to continue to support CHOICE. This is a country that prides itself on supporting choices and diversity and not allowing government to overstep its boundaries. Allow the individuals to work with their practitioners for the appropriate preventative medicine for them. The healthcare practitioners know the individual's family, medical and social history. Human bodies should not be treated as a universal entity. Each is as individual as the personality that exudes from them.

I also ask you to take this a different direction. Protect our American people a different way. First and foremost: DEMAND true vaccination safety studies. The children of our country should not be the test subjects. Make manufacturers liable. Take big pharm lobbyists out of the government.

Respectfully,

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