

Hello,

I am writing to say I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon school children. I believe parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being coerced, and I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status.

Currently the exemption rate for Oregon children is 2.7%, meaning that scientifically we already have high community immunity to disease. There's no reason to take away parental rights to those using non-medical exemptions.

There are many reasons parents use those exemptions. Some children have a reaction to a vaccination that doesn't qualify for a medical exemption, so parents choose to avoid that specific vaccine, even if they use others. Sometimes parents prefer to space vaccines out wider than the CDC schedule indicates. Some people truly, religiously and morally are opposed to vaccines for various reasons (insertion of any foreign object, pork products, aborted fetal cells, etc). Some parents want to avoid certain toxins that vaccines are known to contain.

Please uphold a parent's right to determine what is best for their children and oppose HB 3063. Thank you for your time, Justine Krogger