

To whom it may concern,

My name is Shanika Granville and I oppose HB 3063. I do not believe a child should be excluded from public schools because ones parent chooses to exempt their child from one or more vaccines due to religious or philosophical reasons. Being exempt from vaccines in some situations just means a child may not have received all thirty-one required vaccines for school attendance. I as a parent of three do not believe this should effect my kids or any kids right to attend public school.

If you vote yes on this bill you're not only effecting those who are against vaccines altogether but the parents who are for them and instead vaccinate on a delayed schedule or selective vaccinate for whatever their reasoning may be. Religious and philosophical exemptions are important to us as parents because they continue to give us options based on what we feel works best for our family.

My concern as a parent towards this bill isn't about who's child is vaccinated and who's isn't, especially if my kids are vaccinated. If vaccines work like they're supposed to then the small majority of those who are 100% unvaccinated shouldn't be a threat to my vaccinated children. So my concern is about my parental choice in medical decisions regarding my own kids. I do not believe anyone else should have the right to decide what happens with one's kids unless they themselves are the parent! By voting yes on this bill you're taking that away from us. Also not all parents will have the option to homeschool should this bill pass which means those parents will be forced to make a medical decision they're not comfortable with due to someone else making the decision for them. How is that even ethical?

I also feel this bill has only been brought up because of the recent measles outbreak in WA. Out of all those who recently contracted measles during this outbreak there have been zero fatalities reported. There has also only been one fatality that i've seen reported from measles over the last decade or so. Why are we letting fear over a small outbreak with no fatalities take over a parent's medical rights?

Please also keep in mind those who's children have had some of the "rare" yet under reported adverse reactions to vaccines as well. I say this because in all honesty a reaction is a reaction and in some cases after constant exposure to the same thing that initially caused the reaction, it can result in a bigger reaction with the next. Besides religious and philosophical exemptions there's medical exemptions, but they're extremely hard to obtain. My son has had his legs swell up, become red, hard and warm to the touch, then stay that way for a good month before going away. By then it was always time for another vaccine. He would always exhibit pain from this as well, but this reaction is considered "normal" so it doesn't qualify him for a medical exemption. But if he was to have a reaction like this to food or a medication we'd be told to immediately stop! With vaccines it's different and I don't believe that is right. They should be treated the same. Why should he have to suffer that pain for so long just to make someone else feel comfortable? My child's health and needs matter too. My son has also developed eczema but that still wouldn't qualify him to get a medical exemption even with formaldehyde being a known allergen for those with eczema. Formaldehyde is in some vaccines but I'm still expected to expose my child to it because it's such a "small amount" used in them. No matter the amount, exposure is exposure and will result in a reaction one way or another. It's not fair that my son will possibly be left having to get the vaccines containing this allergen and potentially worsening his eczema symptoms. This is another reason its important that I as his mother continue to have full parental rights when it comes to his medical decisions and no one else. Having a philosophical exemption allows me to still get vaccines for him if I choose but, also allows me to decline certain ones that can further irritate his eczema since it's not an "eligible reason" for a medical exemption. This may

seem like a small medical that doesn't matter but it does. Think of everyone this will effect in many different ways.

This is mostly about parental rights concerning medical decisions for our children!!

Please vote no on HB 3063 !

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