

I affirm that vaccines have been a powerful public health tool, but the schedule has been expanded beyond truly dangerous diseases even though it has never been tested to learn if so many vaccines are safe. As the mother of a vaccine injured child who has lifelong health issues, it is anathema to me that the state would coerce parents by mandating vaccines as a condition of public education, which is every child's right.

The vast majority of so-called anti-vaxxers are NOT anti-vaccine, but have experienced harm in their families and insist on medical freedom rights. Only a very small percentage reject vaccines altogether. In fact, the majority of children who filed philosophical exemptions are vaccinated for some diseases. Just missing *one* labels them as if they were completely unvaccinated. Only about 2.5% of exemptions are completely unvaccinated. The term *anti-vaxxer* is a smear meant to discredit, and a very effective one. But it is a lie.

Informed consent implies the right to learn about a proposed medical intervention, its benefits and risks, and the right to consent OR decline. *This bill removes informed consent and replaces it with coercion.*

Furthermore, by gaining acceptance of the false notion that unvaccinated healthy children are dangerous, the logic is in place to mandate vaccines for adults too, which is part of the long term plan of pharmaceutical companies and government authorities. This also is unacceptable.

Vaccines are NOT safe for all children. (Or adults) *This bill would mandate harm on a certain percentage of children.*

Public health measures already work well in containing measles outbreaks, which occur every year, and this year there are fewer cases than many years.

The schedule has doubled in the last twenty years. What is driving this constant expansion? The pharmaceutical industry:

- 1)** They have no liability for any injuries or deaths caused by vaccines.
- 2)** They can charge high prices for new vaccines, negotiate behind closed doors what the government will pay for them and get half of the vaccines they produce paid for by the government and distributed by the government.
- 3)** They have people who have financial ties to their companies sitting on the committee that recommends vaccines to be added to the schedule.
- 4)** They can lobby in state houses to get legislators to mandate vaccines for school attendance and to prevent anyone from opting out, to maximize their markets.
- 5)** The FDA allows them to get away with substandard studies before licensing and doesn't require them to follow up reported adverse events. (source: [WhatsDrivingMandates](#), Children's Health Defense)

This bill gives pharmaceutical manufacturers a captive audience of massive risk-free profits and is guaranteed to harm some children.

Please kill HB3063. It does more harm than good.

Sincerely,

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