

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care,

I am writing to you today to let you know of my opposition to HB 3063. It has been argued that those that do not wish to have their children vaccinated may simply be home-schooled. However, this is discriminatory. *Brown v. Board of Education*, though focused on racial discrimination, Chief Justice Warren indicated that “segregated schools are inherently unequal”, violating the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Applying this same rationale, saying that a child may receive homeschooling instead of a public education is also “inherently unequal”, is a form of segregation, and therefore also violating the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment. If this bill passes, most parents will not have the education, resources, income, or other means to provide an “equal” opportunity for education if the parent makes exercise their rights to not vaccinate their children.

In fact, if this bill passes, I am not honestly not sure what my family will do. We are a two-income household. With the high costs of housing, we do not have the resources to have one parent provide homeschooling while the other works. Furthermore, we do not want to be forced to have our children vaccinated so that they may have the same “equal access” to schooling as other children. What do you suggest that we do?

Thank you for your consideration,

Mat Rapoza