

Dear Health Committee Members,

**I am writing to ask that you stand up against special interest groups buying influence in our legislature by voting against HB3063.** The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association of America financially backed both chief co-sponsors, Rep. Cheri Helt and Sen. Chuck Thomsen. There are a multitude of reasons that this bill should not be passed in Oregon. We are a progressive state that should look out for parental rights and retain our medical choices!

This discriminatory bill violates foundational American principles by depriving individuals of the freedom to live out their beliefs and demanding conformity of thought. Any person who objected to receiving vaccines which were produced with aborted fetal cells (DTap, MMR, Chicken Pox and Shingles) would be excluded from the public education system because of their religious beliefs. Religious discrimination is not right, not democratic and not American.

If vaccines were actually effective, the minority who do not vaccinate would have little impact on the health of the community. If they are not effective, there is no sense in mandating them.

**Vaccination is NOT without risk. Where there is risk, there MUST be a choice. Vaccines are NOT one size fits all. Additionally, a child that has made a recovery should NOT be subjected or forced into more vaccinations. This is where there is a SERIOUS problem with any type of mandatory vaccination to attend school! There are so many children that are recovering from injury and should not be subjected to more damage which will ultimately be a burden on any school system.**

**Lastly, here are some other points that make this bill a poor choice for our state:**

- Per Oregon Health Authority in a letter to the Governor last year, Oregon has continually high vaccination rates with statewide vaccination rates at 94%.

**The true unvaccinated rate is only 2.6%. You must look at the exemption data. A child is considered exempt even if they only skip ONE single vaccination. It does not mean that every exempt child has had ZERO vaccinations. Many parents opt out of the Hepatitis B vaccine as it is given on day ONE of life and the majority of children are not exposed to this virus in any way. These children are included in the "exemption" number.**

There have not been adequate safety studies to study the risks of multiple vaccinations in a single visit or even studies against a true placebo. Before a state forces a parent to vaccinate fully to attend school, there must be true and adequate safety testing. The HHS has not performed a safety study in over 30 years as they were required to do for the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Act. This law provides to total liability protection to the vaccine makers.

If this bill were to pass, it is estimated that schools will lose funding due to the drop in enrollment. This is estimated at \$413 million dollars.

**PLEASE think about the future of our children and society. Vaccine injury is not RARE. It is just RARELY discussed in the media.**

Thank you for your time,  
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