

To the Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon Legislature,

My name is Petra Prostrednik. I moved to Oregon in the 6th grade and went through the Portland Public School System. Between my husband and I, we own multiple houses and are both business owners in the State. As taxpayers, we have a vested interest in the fair appropriation of money spent on the education of children in Oregon.

My business is a Healthcare Facility, which has employed over 75 people. We provide care for families in an underserved community and had intentions to continue for many years to come. However, I cannot justify owning a business and making a contribution in a State where legislators are using coercion to force medical procedures, by threatening to withhold education, and using modern day SEGREGATION as their weapon.

I'm not an anti-vaxxer and I'm not here to argue the validity of vaccines. I've actually had more vaccines than the average person my age. I am here as a woman, who along with my family, escaped a communist country. And mark my words, THIS bill IS what communism looks like. HB3063 is a dangerous slippery slope. It would allow government to infringe on our human rights. I hope as our elected officials we can trust you to protect our constitutional freedoms, of all types, in this country.

Many years ago, my parents risked their lives so that we could escape the communist regime. They sacrificed their home, contact with family, and everything they had. I have childhood recollections of them rehearsing what they would say at the border. They knew they could be shot, but took the risk in order to give me the opportunities of freedom. Ultimately they drugged me, so that I would be asleep, and not potentially say the wrong thing to the guards. Now in 2019 in the "land of the free", I feel like I'm back to living in a communist country. If this bill passes, my home country (which is no longer communist), will become our escape plan so that we could have freedom from the United States.

Please protect our medical and educational freedoms in Oregon. VOTE NO on this expensive, overreaching legislation that would drive many business owners and their families to move out of State (or country), causing an even steeper decline in enrollment and removing millions of dollars from school budgets!

Thank you,

Petra Prostrednik