

Chair person Ms. Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee,

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I am here to voice my opposition to Senate Bill 442.

I have come to testify to the suffering my grandson has endured because of blind trust in pharmaceutical products and the those who administer them. My grandson received approximately 22 vaccines by the time he was one year. In contrast, my own grown children received ten by the time they entered first grade. Vaccines are a drug with possible lethal side effects. There is no consideration to size, weight, or age when they are administered. Often times they are given in combination. Yet there has been no study to date that explores any possible issues with administering numerous vaccines all at once to a child. In good conscience, no one can possibly say that vaccines are without any dangers. The Supreme Court called vaccines "unavoidably unsafe".

Our family has witnessed a tragedy and yet we are denied this truth. We are ridiculed; we are ostracized by the medical community, and called names like anti-vaccers. All of these slurs are used in an effort to dehumanize us. It is always easier to inflict injustice when you portray the victim as a rube. It is not enough, that we exist in an upturned world with a vaccine injured child. For example a planned Zoo visit just this week lasted only an hour, that was the extent to which my grandson could endure the zoo. The whole time I pushed him in a bicycle cart, a nine year old, because he cannot walk for any length of time.

This is our vaccine truth. He received a vaccine called Proquad by Merck. Proquad was a four in one vaccine. It contained MMR with Varicella. It was taken off the CDC list in 2010 after Kaiser did a study and determined it had an increased risk for febrile seizures. Unfortunately, my Grandson got the vaccine in 2007 when he was one year. He was spinning in circles within a week of being given the vaccine. We now know that he was having seizures, but at the time we had no clue. He became very ill. His face looked as if he had a stroke. He was drooling and this normally engaging child no longer cared to look at us. He was plagued by diarrhea. His mother took him back to the doctor and the doctor orders a blood draw. But because of doctor incompetence, she also convinced his mother to give him three more vaccines on the same day that he received a blood draw. This is when all hell broke loose.

Here is where the truth gets dirty. That blood draw taken from my grandson on the day they gave him three more vaccines, it showed he had only 3% neutrophils and 93% lymphocytes. He was severely immune compromised, his absolute count of neutrophils was 327. He should have been hospitalized. He developed a pale optic nerve, a sign he was going blind in his left eye. His head circumference jumped from the 75 percentile at birth to the 95 percentile at 18 months a sign of encephalitis. His skin color lightened in spots as he developed vitiligo. Asthma that had been diagnosed at six months became increased. He suffered from hypotonia. He had a positive anti nuclear antibody test which is associated with lupus. And the diarrhea would not stop. And he lost his language all 40 or more words disappeared along with our happy grandson.

And you know what happened next to my grandson by the benevolent medical system that treated him. They did not tell his parents any of this! They sent his young mother home with a very sick child. There was no alerting her to the ongoing blood condition. Oh, they followed up on the pale nerve and sent

him to their childhood ophthalmologist. She never mentioned the pale optic nerve to his parents and began a treatment for lazy eye, dulling his good eye and putting him in glasses, essentially blinding him in both eyes.

It was only after we sought his medical records that his two aunts, one a dentist and the other biochemist with a degree in medical laboratory science both evaluated his records and could not believe what they found. My dentist daughter took it upon herself to prove that he indeed had a pale optic nerve and spoke to the specialist at Casey Eye Institute. It was through my daughter's insistence that a surgery took place to verify what his parents had not been told.

Then we spent weeks trying to figure out what infections had caused all of this to happen. No one dare say the word vaccine. All evidence pointed at the vaccine, but they came up with nothing. His blood work remains in a constant crossing between lymphocytosis and neutropenia. Not to the same degree as that first blood draw but a constant. The irony of this was that I had spent an afternoon up at OHSU the year before with an infectious disease doctor and she insisted that there was nothing wrong. She also insisted that vaccines were safe.

So today, we are all here gathered to either revile or acclaim the MMR vaccine. So I have told my grandson's personal nightmare involving Merck's Proquad vaccine, a combination of MMR and Varicella. But I cannot leave without also mentioning the firestorm currently circling around the MMR vaccine

This particular vaccine is under some serious scrutiny. There is a CDC whistleblower named Dr. William Thompson. He is claiming that in a 2004 study the CDC intentionally hid the results showing that the MMR vaccine caused a significant increased risk of autism in black baby boys if given before 36 months. It was a mutual decision by the five authors of that study to fudge the results. Dr. Thompson just gained whistleblower status from the Obama Administration. He has turned over a thousand documents to Representative Posey of Florida. Dr. Thompson has agreed to testify in front of congress.

Dr. Thompson's former boss, Dr. Julie Gerberding, was alerted by Dr. Thompson about his "problematic results" in a letter in 2004. She did not act on any of his concerns. In 2009, Dr. Gerberding went to work for Merck as the head of their vaccine department.

In 2010, two Merck employees filed whistleblower lawsuits against Merck. In September of 2014, they overcame motions to dismiss and have now moved to trial. The former employees are claiming that Merck lied about the efficacy of the mumps portion of the MMR vaccine and bribed their employees to keep quiet. With investigations beginning on the MMR through this lawsuit Merck is facing a sure nightmare of litigation.

And finally there is a former CDC researcher from Denmark, Dr. Poul Thorsen. He was hired to do several studies related to autism and vaccines, in particular the MMR. It is his studies that are often quoted to dismiss any link between the MMR vaccine and autism. Well Dr. Thorsen was indicted in 2011 by the US government for Fraud. He embezzled over a million dollars from taxpayer money paid to him from the CDC. So a huge portion of research was carried out for the CDC by a known thief. He currently resides in Denmark in full view and has yet to be brought back to the US to face trial.

All three of these cases were known to the former head of the CDC, Dr. Julie Gerberding. I can only imagine what was being said behind the doors of the CDC and Merck this summer, as all three of these stories started to surface.

As the families of vaccine injured children, started to get wind of Dr. Thompson's story the word went out for possible class action lawsuits. In addition, the likelihood of a congressional investigation was advancing. It was the end of summer and Merck was facing a MMR meltdown. Parents began facebook campaigns along with a twitter campaign that have now reached a billion tweets. The vaccine injured families were becoming very hopeful.

Then in December of 2014, Dr. Gerberding was appointed Executive Vice President of Strategic Communications for Merck. Merck has a history of obfuscating the truth, most recently with Vioxx. The deaths of 38,000 did not stop Merck from doing a PR campaign to protect their bottom line when Vioxx threatened to destroy the company. So just surmising here, I would imagine that Dr. Gerberding understood clearly what her appointment was about. Get out ahead of this impending story and squash it. So using her CDC training about the use of fear to motivate, what better stunt than to take a measles episode at Disney and turn it into PR bonus. I do have to commend the brilliance behind this propaganda. But sadly, I never thought so many would jump on the bandwagon.

And here in Oregon, you are planning on removing civil liberties now for what reason? What has honestly changed regarding the measles from yesterday? Nothing has changed, the numbers of vaccinated are the same there is no massive outbreak of measles in Oregon. If you were really to believe that there really is a measles epidemic going on, then why would the CDC not have alerted us to the 2014 measles epidemic in Ohio among the Amish? Over 300 Amish came down with the measles because guess what? The Amish don't vaccinate. An Amish missionary came back from the Philippines with the measles. For years people have asked the CDC to go look at the Amish because they don't vaccinate and they have very few if any autism cases. The party line has always been that the Amish do vaccinate and they have autism. Well it looks pretty much like they don't at least in Ohio. So maybe the measles hysteria needs to head over to the land of the Amish. But then the admission of the lack of autism in an unvaccinated community might be a little harder to dismiss.

Granted there are pockets of well educated consumers that are questioning the one size fits all use of vaccine. But most of us are witnesses to vaccine injured children like my grandson. There are thousands of families just like mine. Just take a look at your schools. And my daughter the dentist, she complains to me on a regular basis about all of the sick children that come to her practice. She is working in a pediatric practice seeing 40 patients or more a day. In fact, I just asked her the other day what percentage of the children she is treating are sick. I thought she would say around 30%, but no her answer to me was a shocking 70%. She sees everything including autism, eczema, hashimotos disease, lupus, crones disease, you name it she is seeing it. She even had a Narcoleptic patient. Children are not supposed to be chronically ill. This nightmare has got to stop and all of you on this committee need to stop and listen to what the vaccine injured parents are telling you. **WE ARE THE CANARIES IN THE COAL MINE!**