

To Chairwoman and members of the committee:

I am so happy to see that this bill was scheduled a hearing and sponsored by a Senator!

I have friends who have worked their whole life to be a nurse, EMT or nursing assistant or even a college student and been told that if they didn't get either the flu shot or the dtap vaccine they would 1. Either not be employed or 2. Would be terminated or 3. Not be allowed to do a clinical internship.

As you know, the flu vaccine per the CDC carries the biggest risks in terms of injuries and also the worse stats of effectiveness (last year it was 48 % effective). More money had been paid out in the last year alone for the flu vaccine than any other vaccine from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). Second to that is the dtap vaccine. Employment should never mandate a medical procedure.

I hope and urge you to support this with a due pass recommendation so that people can maintain their rights to informed consent. Since I will not be able to attend the hearing would be my testimony. Thank you!

Best regards,

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