Thank you for taking the time to read my e-mail. I appreciate the consideration you have for it.

I'm not against vaccines. Two of my children are on a delayed schedule and receive them without issue! We plan to continue until they have completed them.

My oldest child is a different story, and I find myself in an anxious pickle over the news I've been hearing, which will affect her. She has a autoimmune disease, you see. Her body reacts differently to vaccines.

Let me preface by saying that she has received most of her vaccines.

In the beginning, she only got fevers of 103°. Later, and her last three vaccines, have given her fevers between 104°-105.9° with Tylenol. I remember these times clearly, because I raced to pack her up for ER visits. I called the emergency on-call nurse each time who assured me her fevers and lethargy had nothing to do with the vaccines she received that day. It was just a coincidence, they promised, each time. But because my daughter only spiked these high fevers directly after vaccines (the same day) EVERY SINGLE TIME, since birth, over seven years, I saw the trend. Any scientist looking at the data & results collected, would assume the same.

Do you know what happens when the body goes into a fever above 106°? Brain damage. Organ damage. Please, look it up! Can you imagine the helpless feeling as your child lay limp with such fevers? Our family doctor, who encourages vaccines, advised us against continuing them with this particular child. I asked him if he would be willing to sign a medical exemption form for us and he explained that he can only do this if my daughter is vaccine injured. Meaning, she would need to have organ damage from the next fever caused by a vaccine. I will not allow this to happen to my daughter. Do you see the impossibility of me acquiring a medical exemption?

Our doctor assured me though, she had enough vaccines to protect her. For example: she has the first MMR vaccine, which he said protects 95% of people who get it. The booster (which he advised us against getting) only increases that number 2% more. But you know what? When I sent her to school, they considered her completely MMR unvaccinated because she didn't have the booster. She is 95% protected from MM&R, but I have tomatoes thrown at me because she is considered fully unvaccinated. I will not subject her to bodily harm to increase a statistic by 2%.

It breaks my heart!

Please reconsider this bill. Not all bodies are the same. There are legitimate grey areas in this matter and an umbrella bill is not the answer.

Allow me to judge what is best for my own daughter. Do not take my parental rights away! I do not want my child's body damaged just because she has an autoimmune disease which reacts differently to vaccines than most children.

Thank you for reading,

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