

Hello,

My name is Alex. I would like to explain why I want bill 3063 to pass. I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at age 14. I was on all sorts of immunosuppressive medications. When I was in school, I caught whatever kind of illness the people around me had, but I got it 10x worse. My immune system was basically non-existent because of the meds I was on. I was hospitalized on and off all the time, which made my grades go down because I wasn't in school. My junior year I was hospitalized for 3 months because I was paralyzed from getting listeria in the food I ate. Normally my immune system could fight it off, but because of my immunosuppressants, the bacteria traveled to my brain and created an abscess which paralyzed me. If I could get something so horrible from the food I ate, just imagine if I caught measles or some other sort of illness just from sitting next to someone in school. I wouldn't want someone who has cancer or some other sort of disease to get sick because some people don't believe in vaccines. It should be mandatory to get vaccines to protect those people who can't get vaccinated due to medical problems.

Thank you.

Alex