

I am a mother of two sons aged 6 months and 3 years. I got pregnant with my first son in 2015 and I did everything I was told to do by my doctor. Get the flu shot while pregnant. Made sure myself and all my family members received the Pertussis vaccine. January 7, 2016 my son was born and received his Hepatitis B and Vitamin K vaccine. He cried and never stopped crying until he was 6 weeks old. Gas, colic, reflux I was told the case was. As a first time mom, I believed his doctor. On March 7, 2016 my son received Rotavirus, Pneumococcol Pevnar 13, HIB, and DTaP/HepB/IPV (Pediatrix) vaccines. That night my son developed a high fever for days and a red sore at the injection site. He cried for days, never stopping. On May 13, 2016 my son received his second set of Rotavirus, Pneumococcol Pevnar 13, HIB, and DTaP/HepB/IPV (Pediatrix) vaccines. This time he developed an even higher fever. He cried harder and longer than ever before. His cry sounded like he was in pain. He stopped smiling and laughing. His doctor said it couldn't be the vaccines, only a coincidence. On July 7, 2016 my son received his third set of DTaP/HepB/IPV vaccines. Along with the crying and fever started the eczema and ear infections. And with the ear infections came the antibiotics, then the stronger antibiotics, then surgery for ear tubes, and then a second surgery to remove adenoids. He was sick with the flu twice, croup, roseola, countless colds. I could go on. On January 13, 2017 my son received his Hepatitis A, Varicella, Flu shot, and MMR vaccine. My son has never been the same since. He lost speech, he would daze off as if in a trance, he started falling all the time even while sitting. This is when I started my research. Vaccinating my son is my biggest regret in life. Earlier this year my son was diagnosed with autism.

I had my second son August 4, 2018. He arrived 6 weeks early. My second son, who should be delayed due to his prematurity, is hitting milestones before my first son, who was full term, ever did. My second son smiles and laughs. He seeks attention and loves to be a mimic. He has never once been sick...not once. My second son has never been vaccinated. Let that sink in. It's hard not to notice the differences in my vaccinated and unvaccinated son. One day I will have to explain to my first son that because of me and my uneducated decision to vaccinate him, that I changed the course of his life. And I hope he can forgive me.

Anti Vaccine or not, this bill takes away basic human right.

Thank You,
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