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To: HHC Exhibits
Subject: Vaccine Exemption Repeal Legislation (HB3063)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to vote to repeal the legislation that allows exemptions from vaccines in non medical situations. My child is 8. She was born at 1.5 pounds and has chronic lung disease of prematurity, bronchiolitis obliterans, hemophilia C and other blood factor deficiencies. For the first 4 years of her life we lived in and out of the PICU. We have worked very hard to keep her safe and to keep her alive. Though she is fully vaccinated mild illnesses pose a real threat to her. We considered home schooling due to the wide exemptions made for families who don't want to vaccinate their perfectly healthy children. We were put in a situation where we had to choose between our very social little girl's physical health and her emotional and social wellbeing. After subjecting her to 4 years of isolation it felt cruel not to let her go to school but I worry constantly. Truly, constantly.

I beg you to make schools and public spaces safer for all children and people with weakened immune systems by eliminating non medical exemptions to vaccines.

Very, very sincerely,
Erin Starvel