

Dear Chair Salinas and Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

As the parent of both vaccinated and unvaccinated children, I see that the intention behind HB 3063 comes from a place of the desire to help and to make policy that is good for our public. When looking into the bill, I am finding that there will be unexpected and unintended consequences.

Most of the families that stand in opposition of this bill have put in hours, days, weeks, months and years of research before deciding which vaccines might be worth giving to their children, if any. They have spoken to their doctors about their individual medical situations and assessed their own risk, based on factors that are specific to their family. These families also watch the required online module about the benefits of vaccinations. This is what informed decisions look like. I implore each one of you, before making a vote on this bill, to dedicate your own independent research into this topic. You all need to feel the weight of the risks of vaccinations based on your own history before voting on an issue that would impact the lives of so many. Literally, pick up and read a vaccine insert, read the data, read what has NOT been studied, and read who shouldn't get the vaccine. I have attached a couple of inserts to this testimony, should you need a place to start.

I received an email response from Representative, and Sponsor, Helt's office the other day which in part read: **"For further information, we ask that you consult a trusted doctor, physician or medical professional"**. I couldn't agree with this statement more. This is a very personal issue and the individual risk factors must be considered on a personal level. Without the consideration of each person's risk factors, this mandate would cause more adverse events, which seems to be the very thing you are trying to limit.

There was once a time when I wasn't offered full access to this information, nor did I know that I should have been seeking it out. I want to encourage this opportunity for you all. We will not all come to the same conclusions on the information, but I expect that you will find yourself shocked and forever changed on the matter of vaccines, their efficacy, their level of safety, their benefits and risks. Based on the research that I have done, I think that this bill will do harm instead of the intended good.

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