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Please listen with your heart as well as your mind. You must find a balance between protecting individuals and the community. You are deciding the future for those here and all children to come including your own children and grandchildren. The CDC states that "Vaccines are safe and effective; however, they are neither perfectly safe nor perfectly effective. Consequently, some persons who receive vaccines will be injured as a result, and some persons who receive vaccines will not be protected."

What happens to those who are harmed? Where do they go? Should those who have sacrificed their children's health be denied a public education? These children require special education to overcome obstacles to employment. Excluding them seems to me to be not only shortsighted but cruel.

You may think it would be easy for my child to get a medical exemption, but this is false. My daughter lost all acquired skills within days of receiving her 11 vaccines 18-month visit. She was recovering from a second round of pneumonia. She had had the vaccine for pneumonia, but she got sick anyway. She began growling, rolling on the floor and chewing her clothes and hands. My own pediatrician intimidated us out of her practice when we brought up the concern that she had a vaccine adverse reaction. The pediatrician did not file a VAERS report.

Coercion stokes mistrust of public health agencies and the government. Italy experienced this recently shortly after enacting punitive vaccine policies, and the result was the ousting of that government and the firing of the entire 30-member Health council.

Marginalizing and ostracizing the minority is not only bad policy; it is dangerous. Isolation from the community is a risk factor for suicide but also contributes to radicalism. I ask you to consider the consequences and take a measured approach.

During the Smallpox epidemic of the early 20th century, the Supreme Court validated the use the police powers of the state to mandate vaccines in *Jacobsen vs. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, but with this caveat:

"We are not inclined to hold that the statute establishes the absolute rule that (in this case) an adult must be vaccinated if it be apparent or can be shown with reasonable certainty that he is not at the time a fit subject of vaccination, or that vaccination, by reason of his then condition, would seriously impair his health, or probably cause his death. General terms should be so limited in their application as not to lead to injustice, oppression, or an absurd consequence. It will always, therefore, be presumed that the legislature intended exceptions to its language which would avoid results of this character. The reason of the law in such cases should prevail over its letter."

The science exists to determine who may be at greater risk for injury or death, but as Bernadine Haley, former Director of the NIH, said in an interview with CBS, "The Institute of Medicine basically said 'Do not pursue susceptibility groups, don't look for those children who may be more vulnerable. I really take issue with that conclusion. The reason why they don't want to look for those susceptibility groups is that they are afraid that if they found them, however big or small they were, that it would scare the public away. One should never shy away from getting causality information. Populations do not test causality, they test an association. You have to go into the laboratory and go into the laboratory and do designed research studies in animals."

We have clear science to identify some at-risk sub-groups. It is possible to determine with reasonable certainty conditions for which vaccination would seriously impair the recipient's health. We have simply for many reasons not chosen to look.

Please oppose HB3063 and let's do better for ALL children, even the minority.

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