

Dear Legislature

The vaccine issue is a highly complex social challenge. While I have immense respect for the CDC's vaccination guidelines, and the American Pediatric Societies vaccine schedule, they are responsible for population health, not the nuances of my families specific health profile.

I have vaccinated children, but we (for instance) opted out of the Hepatitis B vaccine at birth as my wife and I were single life partners birthing in a sterile environment with negligible risk of the disease. At the same time we can see the value of the guideline while navigating the complexities of where our family fits into the social profile. In a time when we try to mitigate any unnecessary chemical introduction into our bodies as possible (clean air, organic foods etc) mandating potentially unnecessary medical interventions is not in the reasonable scope of government legislation.

Maintaining a families freedom to make judgement on their specific families best interest in terms of preventive measures should un-equivocally remain in the domain of parental rights.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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*"For I was **hungry** and you gave me something to eat, I was **thirsty** and you gave me something to drink"*

- Matt. 25:35

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