

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you regarding HB 3063. I am strongly opposed to this bill and urge you to vote no. I attended the hearing last night, and I was encouraged to see that the testimony was overwhelmingly opposed to the bill. Many medical professionals spoke about their concerns regarding mandating vaccines, and I am one of the many concerned parents who share those sentiments. I am not anti-vaccine, but I am pro-choice and I believe that we should retain our rights as parents to make informed medical choices for our children.

My concerns lie largely with the lack of testing that vaccines go through. Medications are required to go through a double-blind placebo study that lasts for a few years. Because vaccines are considered a biological they do not have to go through this process. Take for example the package insert for Recombivax-HB, a Hepatitis B vaccine that is routinely given to newborn infants on the first day of life. Many parents decline this vaccine because they do not think it is necessary for their children. The insert states, "In three clinical studies, 434 doses of Recombivax HB, 5 mcg, were administered to 147 healthy infants and children (up to 10 years of age) who were monitored for 5 days after each dose)". The researchers felt that 5 days was enough to mount an immune response when medical literature highlights that the immune system can take 7 days or longer to have an immune response. They stopped the study right when the participants would begin to experience adverse side effects or autoimmune complications. I cannot accept their studies as thorough research with such a short monitoring period. Vaccines are made to stay inside of our bodies, so the effects of them must be monitored for a few years instead of a few days.

Section 13.1 of the Recombivax HB vaccine states the following:

"13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

RECOMBIVAX HB has not been evaluated for its carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or its potential to impair fertility."

This statement is also included in section 13.1 of every other vaccine insert. I need to know if any vaccines can cause infertility or cancer before I can make a fully informed decision for my children. Childhood cancers, autoimmune issues, and other chronic issues have skyrocketed in recent years. I know that there are many other environmental factors involved in the various causes of these health problems, but I have to wonder what part vaccines play. Without these studies, all I can do is wonder, and I certainly cannot make a fully informed decision.

A few testimonies yesterday included the recent lawsuits from the Informed Consent Action Network, so I won't go into those in detail. But I do want to point out that the Informed Consent Action Network sued the FDA for safety studies showing that the flu vaccine has been tested on pregnant women, and the FDA responded to them stating that those studies do not exist. Yet the CDC has many advertisements telling pregnant women that they should get the flu shot to protect their unborn children. The Informed Consent Action Network (ICAN) also sued Health & Human Services for the vaccine safety studies that are required to be submitted to congress every 2 years. HHS replied to ICAN saying that those safety studies do not exist and have not been filed with Congress. These reports should have been filed every 2 years since 1986. If vaccines are safe, why

has HHS failed to file these safety reports? And why haven't our Congressmen asked for these reports for the last 30+ years? These are questions that we should all demand answers for.

Also mentioned yesterday is the fact that this bill allows for more vaccines to be added to the schedule in the future, and our children would have to receive those additional vaccines to continue to attend school. You may or may not know that there are over 200 vaccines waiting for approval from the FDA. And at this time we have no way to know how many more vaccines will be added to that schedule in the next 5, 10, 15, or 20 years. I started my research on vaccines 4 years ago while taking a college microbiology class that sparked my interest. It didn't take me long to find out that vaccines are not as safe as we are led to believe, and that they are not tested to the standards that we expect and assume they are tested to. My husband and I decided not to vaccinate our two children because we do not see proof that vaccines have been adequately tested and because the manufacturers are not liable for any damage that may occur after the vaccines are given to our children. We are not willing to play Russian roulette with our children's health. The Supreme Court has even said, "All vaccines are unavoidably unsafe". I already plan to home-school our boys for many reasons, but these vaccine mandates will just push more parents to pull their children from the school system. We are educated on this topic and we will do what we can to keep our children away from harmful, untested, possibly carcinogenic, liability free medical products.

As an American, I take our constitutional rights seriously, and I want to ensure that my children and their children will retain those rights. I believe that turning this bill into law is a slippery slope toward a totalitarian government. What bills will we see next? If this bill passes, we will be able to home-school our children if we do not want to vaccinate them to the requirements of the current (and ever expanding) schedule. But how long will we retain that right? We have seen recently proposed bills in Iowa and Minnesota that would mandate vaccinations for home-schooled kids and those bills include quarterly in-home welfare checks. I see this as an intrusion of privacy of the affected families, as well as a way to deter families from home schooling so the government can increase vaccination rates and keep children in the failing school system. I am also concerned that approving this bill could lead to future bills mandating vaccines for adults. One of the future goals of Healthy People 2020 is vaccinations for all adults, so the beginning of vaccine mandates should be a concern for all Americans. I do not want the government to mandate what medical procedures myself or my children will have. I urge you to consider the implications this bill could have in regard to paving the way for future bills that would further infringe on our rights. I hope you will do the right thing for your constituents and vote NO on HB 3063. With that being said, I leave you with this quote:

"The rise of mandatory and forced vaccination legislation should send a chill up every single American spine. That government can force you to accept any kind of medicine and inject you against your will is totalitarianism at its worst! This egregious form of state power is metastasizing."
- Dr. Ron Paul

WHERE THERE IS RISK, THERE MUST ALWAYS BE FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

Sincerely,

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