

Chairperson Salinas and the Health Care Committee,

My name is Edward Martens. I am a Vietnam Veteran, father, and a grandfather. My son Jeremy is a vaccine-injured child, now an adult with Autism.

You may ask how I know this about my son with no medical background. My evidence is raising him, watching and observing him since birth.

Jeremy, our son had a very severe known vaccine injury (encephalopathy) from his DPT shot in 1986. When Jeremy got this shot, everything changed, he went from normal to a very sick child. Everyday something was bothering him. Weekly he had ear infections; he was scared to go to bed at night because of seizures. He knew how to use the bathroom, and he backslid to always having bathroom problems. He was hyperactive, spinning in front of the T.V. constantly, whining and screaming. He never sat down, or calmed down, he was constantly going and going. Our pediatrician at that time argued with us about Jeremy saying he was just a hyper child, and my wife who is a registered nurse would question him more about why Jeremy quit talking and backslid in his development but he refused to give us any hope. We (my wife and I) went to see 2 other doctors about Jeremy's issues, and what we saw and experienced in Jeremy's life became very clear. What we were seeing and 2 other pediatricians agreed was that Jeremy was vaccine-injured by the DPT shot he received in 1986. Both of these doctors told us to never vaccinate him again. A few years later Jeremy was diagnosed with Landau-Kleffner Syndrome (an encephalopathy or brain inflammation- in his case caused by the vaccine) as the cause of his autism.

This bill will require all children to get vaccinations no matter what reasons we have. I liken this to children and parents going through shot lines getting vaccinations like robots. I remember this well on basic training shot day going through the shot line blindly one person on each side of us giving shots in both arms. Almost immediately my arms became stiff and painful, the holes where the air needles went through became puffy and bloody, soon there was puss coming out. I saw other people faint and their arms were draining blood and puss, and many got very sick. I am not imaging this or blowing out of context, it happened.

We are not robots. Our children and our grandchildren are not robots. We have the right to choose what is right for our children and grandchildren.

I urge you Representative Salinas and the Health Care Committee, to vote no on bill HB 3063.

Thank you
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