

My name is Sarah Bly. I am a healthcare provider and a mother. I am writing to express my objections to mandated vaccines/vaccine schedules. I am writing to encourage you to stand in support of parental decisions regarding vaccines for our children.

My son is someone who is at risk for adverse reactions from a vaccine, due to his genetics, yet under current law he would not qualify for a medical exemption. I feel strongly that it is our right as his parents to chose a schedule and plan for his vaccines that we feel is appropriate to sustain his optimal health. Under the new proposed law, my son, as well as many, many others, would be put at risk. Or, perhaps they would not be...and instead they would lose out on the chance to attend school and the right of education we are all allowed to in this country. Because no, I would definitely not risk his health above absolutely anything. What parent would?

I have done my research. I am well aware the alleged 'health risks' of vaccines are complex and understudied. But I believe in the precautionary principle.... until something is proven without a doubt to be safe, I have no intention to take the risk. I believe a great alternative to mandated vaccinations would be increased education. As a healthcare provider and educator and as a person with priveledge, I have had the blessing of spending many hours researching vaccines and particularly making certain I am aware of the risks of NOT vaccinating my child (or not on schedule). I thus can make conservative decisions on how to proceed in the case of my son's illnesses as to not create additional risk to others in my community. Perhaps supporting families who chose not to vaccinate in having this knowledge base would be a more ethical option.

I thank you for your time and encourage you to vote with a clean conscience to let parents be parents and make healthcare decisions for their own children.

Sincerely,
Sarah Bly