

Hello,

I am writing to the representatives involved in making decisions on HB 3063, which would mandate all children receive all vaccines as a requirement for attending public or private school. I hope you take a moment to read what I have to say, as I believe you will see why it's imperative to oppose this bill.

I am not anti-vaccine, in fact I know that vaccines work in preventing dangerous diseases. I have two young children who have both received vaccines. However, there is more than enough evidence to suggest that a one size fits all approach is not effective when it comes to vaccinations. There is a benefit vs risk consideration that must be taken into account for every parent making this decision. We are talking about mandating all children receive a medical treatment that comes with inherent risks, treatments which the pharmaceutical industry profits from. And yet the vaccine companies are completely protected from any and all liability when someone gets injured or killed from vaccinations. And this does happen. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has already paid out upwards of 4 Billion dollars, and that's just for the cases that can be proven beyond a shadow of a doubt. Think of how many children affected who slip through the cracks, or whose pediatricians tell their parents their injury is not from a vaccine, based on nothing but an assumption.

I am for safer vaccines, safety studies, and industry transparency. The side effects of vaccines are NOT being tested against unvaccinated populations using placebos. The studies are done by comparing vaccinated populations vs those who receive a shot with all the same additives in the vaccine, removing only the disease itself. This is not an accurate way to verify vaccine safety. Additionally, there is no safety testing on the accumulative affect of having so many vaccines in such a short amount of time, which at least anecdotally seems to be a factor in many of the cases of vaccine injury. More testing MUST be done to understand the reactions so many vaccines at once can have.

Even if you decide to dismiss these facts, and take the side of the politicians who are profiting off the industry, you must take seriously the fact that bill HB 3063 is unconstitutional by violating the freedom of religion valued by the vast majority of Americans. Parents don't just use religion as an excuse to not vaccinate. There is incredibly valid concern from those that are pro-life regarding the use of fetal tissue cells from aborted fetuses in cultivated the vaccines. Mandating this violates the religious belief that abortion kills a child, and is forcing children to be injected with such a thing, not to mention the other chemicals including mercury and aluminum, is unconscionable.

Getting vaccinated, while important, can not be mandated without violating 1st amendment rights. Parents must maintain medical freedom, to be granted the ability to make this decision for their own family, with informed consent. I sincerely hope you consider the deeply troubling ramifications that would come about from passing this bill.

Sincerely,

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