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I will make this brief. I am a pro-safe vaccine parent. When deciding on vaccines for my first child, I longed for a reliable screening process since I understood that we are all unique in our genetic makeup. What may be benign for one child, could be devastating for another. After much research, study, prayer, and deliberation, I began to vaccinate my child on a slow and delayed schedule, beginning at age two. My happy, healthy child then morphed into an emotional volatile, sickly child. He had only had one DTaP shot. I chose that particular shot not because I felt he needed it (he had low risk factors), but because I wanted to protect babies from pertussis. I didn't know that the shot didn't prevent a person from transmitting the disease.

My second child does not detox heavy metals. She also has high anxiety and a speech disability. It is possible her mercury toxicity from prenatal exposure has something to do with these issues. Many vaccines exceed the safety limit of aluminum. Giving her one of those vaccines could be disastrous.

I could never knowingly partake of any product that used aborted babies to make. Many vaccines, unfortunately, do use the cells of healthy, electively aborted fetuses, either to make the vaccine or for the development of the vaccine. Not only is this against my personal convictions, it is against my religion. My church leaders state that we are not to support abortion in any way. The scriptures state that we should not kill others.

My first and second child have special learning needs. My oldest would likely have an IEP but school was so damaging to his mental health that I decided to pull him out. We use a homeschool-based public charter school for support. He would lose access to this service if we lost his exemption. He would not qualify for a medical exemption--the criteria are far too narrow. My daughter receives special education services for her speech disability. She will lose access to these services if she lost her exemption. She would not qualify for a medical exemption, either.

I hope you can understand that vaccines, like any drug, carry a risk. It is unethical for the government to not only give, but try to force blanket medical advice on every child, threatening to take away their education if they don't comply.

Instead of trying to force everyone to vaccinate, I believe it would be far more productive to pressure vaccine manufacturers to make safer and ethical vaccines, and to make them and the CDC more transparent. We also need a more thorough screening process. Children die from vaccines. These deaths could be prevented. When children stop dying and getting injured from vaccines, then more people will want to use them. I was certainly willing to use them until my child was injured by one. Please help our children be healthier and safer by putting your focus on the correct problem.

Thank you,

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