

Representative Salinas,

I testified last week regarding my opposition to HB 3063. I help children with special needs and genetic conditions, from common to rare, in my practice. I help them in a very unique way by honoring their biochemical individuality. I do very in-depth testing in order to uncover ways that they can be helped and their overall health can be optimized. While we can't change their genetics we can help optimize other areas of their health and often see dramatic results in their development when we do so.

These children I help have very unique and often compromised immune systems. They are more prone to autoimmune conditions as well. Their immune systems are compromised in ways that OHA doesn't recognize for medical exemptions. I'm not opposed to vaccinations at all for these children. My goal for all of them is to get them healthy enough so that when they are vaccinated, if the parents choose to do so, the risk of an adverse reaction, or worse a vaccine injury, is reduced. My other goal is to make sure if/when they are vaccinated that they seroconvert or create antibodies to the vaccine. Because of their compromised immune systems the vaccines often do not work. The links below are some examples of studies that I'm certain the OHA isn't aware of. I'm also certain considering the needs of these children hasn't been taken into consideration, as is often the case.

1. [Immune evaluation and vaccine responses in Down syndrome: evidence of immunodeficiency?](#)
2. [Low hepatitis B vaccine response in children with Down syndrome from Brazil.](#)
3. [Influenza A/H1N1 vaccination response is inadequate in down syndrome children when the latest cut-off values are used.](#)
4. [Intrinsic defect of the immune system in children with Down syndrome: a review](#)
5. [Immune dysfunction in Down's syndrome: primary immune deficiency or early senescence of the immune system?](#)

You can see how my medical practice relies on these children following a vaccine schedule that is slower. Vaccinating these

children takes a more methodical and careful approach than simply following a schedule.

The families of these patients in many cases have endured a lot of hurdles, segregation, discrimination and hardship. They simply cannot follow the CDC schedule of vaccinations and will be forced to pull their children from school. This creates an enormous hardship for these families as they rely on schools not only for educating their children but for respite as well.

I implore you and the members of the Healthcare Committee to consider these families, their children and others who are vulnerable to vaccine injury when meeting today to discuss HB 3063.

Sincerely,



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