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The fall of 2025, highlighted many problems with our current framework that this bill helps to eliminate. Our family wanted to obtain COVID 19 vaccines, however we had to wait longer than those in neighboring states as we had to get clear guidance that our insurance would cover the costs. This lack of clarity around whether or not insurance would cover the cost, created a chain of events that delayed our family from getting vaccinated. Because we have young children who need vaccines, our only option to get these vaccines for half our family was the pediatrician's office. However our pediatrician could not order the vaccines because they did not know if insurance would reimburse them. Our family was unnecessarily delayed in getting these vaccines because of the way our laws are written.

We need SB 1598 so that families who want to make the choice to vaccinate do not have to jump through so many hoops. Our family does not want to be limited due to an unnecessary cost burden in our right to choose. Please pass SB 1598 now.