

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

Thank you for your time to read this letter. I'll try to keep it short.

12 years ago I gave birth to a healthy baby boy. We had a lovely hour together post-birth before having to change rooms. During this transition the nurse told me she'd take my baby to the nursery to get bathed and dressed. An hour later she came back and informed me that my son stopped breathing and was admitted to the NICU.

We spent a week in the NICU. He had to be on oxygen and had trouble with apnea. We finally got to bring him home and while I was going through his hospital birth records, it was documented that he received the hepB shot in the hospital in the day of his birth. I dug deeper and decided read the vaccine insert, which listed apnea as an adverse reaction.

I never consented to my baby getting the shot nor was I informed that he even received it. And every doctor and nurse I talked to said they didn't know why he suddenly stopped breathing. Today he is 12 and is diagnosed with epilepsy, with ADHD and autistic tendencies. Medical freedom is important to me because I don't know what effects another shot would have on him. One jab was scary enough. I don't think he'd survive 70 more doses.

I live just across the border in Kansas City, Missouri. I realize that my voice in the matter of medical freedom in Kansas is insignificant. However, I'd like to know that there's a close, safe, medically free place to move to should I have to protect my son from vaccine mandates. There are risks with every vaccine. And where there are risks, there should be a choice. Please support parental rights and medical freedom for children AND adults.

Again, thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,
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