

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Legislators,

I'm writing not only as a concerned mother, but as a citizens who is so thankful to be living in America where personal freedoms have always been championed. I'm asking that you do all that you can to protect our personal freedoms regarding medical care including vaccinations. We are people with unique needs and unique medical histories, not carbon copies that should be forced into the same mold.

My little girl was born full term at 4lbs 7oz. She wasn't a premie but she was the size of a premie. When it came time for her first shots she was still very very small and I just couldn't justify her needing to get so many shots all at once. Why would a 2 month old baby need a Heb B shot? She doesn't share needles with druggies or engage in risky sex. So I made a choice, as her parent, to do what I believed to be best for her. I declined the Heb B shot at her 2 month visit, again at her 4 month visit, and also at her 6 month visit. She did receive the pertussis vaccine at 2 months because I felt that actually posed a potential risk for her. And who knows what is best for their child? Parents. My little girl is now almost 2 years old and she is now fully vaccinated against Heb B. She is behind schedule for some of her other shots, but I'm okay with that. That's they way I want it. And I am her mother, so I will do what I think is best for my daughter. And it has worked out well for us. She is very healthy; rarely gets sick, and has never had an ear infection. I don't know if I will be able to put her in pre-school when she is 4 because we many not get 100% caught up on the vaccine schedule. I wish that wasn't a requirement. I don't think it should be. But none-the-less, I'm not going to put my daughter at what I consider unnecessary risk by giving her too many shots all at once. No, I will home school her until she has received all her shots, spread out over time, to minimize the risk of vaccination damage. That's what I'm willing to do for medical freedom. But not all parents have the luxury to choose to home school. Shouldn't they still have autonomy to choose what is right for their child?

Lets not give away our personal freedoms. Lets not allow doctors or nurses to force unwilling perfectly healthy patents to take treatment they don't want and object to. Heaven forbid we have a Charlie Guard case in this county. Please uphold parents' rights to choose when and if their kids are vaccinated. Its our rights as parents.

Thank you for your consideration,
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