

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

To Education Committee:

I fully support this bill to limit power regarding what can be mandated to be injected into citizens' bodies.

Would you mandate any other drug be used on every child? Vaccines are drug products of pharmaceutical companies. Pharmaceutical manufacturers who have NO liability regarding this one category of product: vaccines. Several problems with this: lack of liability, overreach of government power, and mandatory products that have risk.

I have 1 child who was fully vaccinated until age 5 when suddenly it occurred to me how ridiculous it was to be vaccinating against chicken pox, a non-threatening temporary illness. Of my 4 children he gets sick and has more health issues than the others. My next child received only one vaccine after our pediatrician repeatedly pushed it on me to give it to him or leave the practice. I felt trapped and consented. This child has asthma, and some disorders. My next two children have completely free of vaccines. They are rarely sick. No chronic health conditions. No behavioral disorders. No food allergies. No food aversions. They are my 2 healthiest children. Coincidence? Perhaps. Except it's a very common story in families where some of the kids were vaccinated and others weren't. Too common.

A good friend of my husband, his daughter has had daily seizures since her last vaccine. Never had seizures before, now she can barely attend school and he has to constantly miss work. She is also on meds with nasty side effects trying to control it. Her life is forever altered to avoid a virus that nearly always clears itself up – HPV.

I'd pose the question to you at what point does it become a problem? With the currently mandated schedule of 70+ shots (that is separating out the combo shots and counting boosters)? 100? 200? When is it too much for the body? And who gets to make that decision? To say our government doesn't sit well with me. In fact, for the government to decide what is injected to the populace's body is terrifying to me. My body, my choice. My kids, my choice. Where there is risk there must be choice. And informed consent.

Thank you,

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