

To whom it may concern:

I am a mother of 4. 3 girls and a boy. I vaccinated my first 3 children exactly as the doctors recommended, I did everything our pediatrician recommended, antibiotics, vaccines, circumcision. Whatever she recommended because she was the expert. And when my kids would scream and were unconsolable for 3 days straight after EVERY vaccine, I trusted my doctor when she said it was normal. Come to find out it isn't. My son and two daughters suffer greatly in school and with speech, my son has a hard time concentrating and paying attention in school and because of this is years behind, my three year old couldn't pronounce words until she was almost 2.5 almost three. She still has a hard time. Now you could tell me it wasn't the vaccines however my fourth child, whom has the same father as the other 3, is not even two yet and can speak sentences, count to 3, and sing her ABC's, among countless other songs. She has not had one vaccine in her whole life.

But beyond the fact that vaccines have affected mine and millions of others children what this bill is doing is taking away our rights as parents to choose what we think is safe for our kids. I worry that this will increase the amount of out of hospital births that are unassisted so that they won't have to document their child was born. I also fear this will stop people from taking their kids the doctor when they are truly sick. But most of all it will strike fear into all parents who know they are doing the right thing for their kids, fear that they could be taken away from us over something that we feel in our hearts is unsafe, and hasn't been clinically tested to prove otherwise. I just hope that you would look at this the other way, what if vaccines were the enemy and you KNEW in your heart they could save your child but the government said that if you had your child vaccinated they could be taken away for abuse. What would you do? Take your kids to a back alley doctor with non regulated meds so that they could get what you feel is best? Maybe you wouldn't but some parents would, because the safety of our children is our highest priority, and we will do anything to protect them. Even if that means moving all over this planet to a place that allows us to have the right to parent our children how we see fit. Please, I beg of you, think about what this is going to do to families like mine and children like mine, the suffering you are going to put us through and think about how you would feel if the situation was reversed, would you want someone telling you what is best for your child even though you believe it's not?

Thank you,

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