

To the Legislature:

I am writing this in order to voice my opposition to HB3063.

I am a mother of four children, only one of whom has received any vaccinations. Four hours after her first round of vaccines, Abigail had her first seizures. It was one after the other and they were short and quick, I wasn't aware they were seizures. I called her physician on multiple occasions, explaining what was happening and was told not to worry about it because she was recovering fine afterward. Over time, the seizures ebbed off. The physician constantly pushed for more vaccines, it took almost a year for me to consent to another round. Six hours later, Abigail began having long, full body convulsions. We are on close 8 years into this awful diagnoses with no answers and no successful seizures. She continues to decline in health with each passing year. She regressed cognitively and continues to struggle with that, she is at 2% of what her peers are. Her body betrays her every single day. She has up to 60 tonic clonic seizures in a single day, with complex partial seizures sprinkled in to boot. She has two genetic variants, both of which put her at risk for vaccine injury. We were not made aware of the possibility that something like this could mean that vaccines could cause her irreversible injury until the worst had already happened. We were, as most parents are, told that they were perfectly safe by our physician. It is immoral to tell such a lie about a medical product that is legally classified as unavoidably unsafe.

My daughter neurology team informed us that her condition puts her siblings at a higher risk for vaccine injury. Even with the recommendation by the specialists to avoid vaccinating our other children, it has been impossible to find a physician willing to do so. Which makes it clear that general care practitioners and pediatricians do not have the training in epigenetics that should be required in order to decide whether a person or family should be medically exempt from these procedures. Not to mention that this bill would be using coercion in order to force a medical procedure on its people with no safeguards in place for those who may be genetically at risk to vaccine injury. It's irresponsible and immoral to say the least, not to mention a gross overstepping of the government into its peoples choices and personal lives. Furthermore, to use the immunocompromised as the reason everyone should be forced to receive vaccines, while ignoring and trying to minimize the sacrifice some of our kids have had to make for them is despicable. True double blind placebo studies need to be performed before anything like this is even considered, as well as genetic screening to help protect those with increased risk. Even then, this is not something that should be permitted to be mandated in this country.

Medical care should never be a one size fits all, people are too complex for that approach to be acceptable. There are little to no medications or medical procedures that don't pose some kind of risk. Where there is a risk, there should also be a choice. There are too many factors involved for a any medical product to be pushed such a on everyone. Not to mention this violates the doctor patient confidentiality and makes trust in medical care and government impossible to obtain.

As a mother who has had to watch her child struggle and fight for her life, who has helplessly watched her miss the childhood she deserved, I beg you not to pass HB3063 because it can harm so many and does violate the rights of the people.

Thank you,
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