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As a pro-vaccination parent, I would like to voice my concerns about HB 3063 and urge you to oppose the bill.

My 4 year old daughter is allergic to her own histamines. I am told by her allergist that this is an increasingly common allergy. It means that she has an anaphylactic reaction to viruses. Even a cold virus, of which there are many within her preschool classroom. We carry an epi-pen and are ALWAYS on high alert in case she starts to react because we never know when a virus will take hold within her body.

When her body has the chance to use its natural defenses, natural immune pathways, she has a fighting chance and we can manage her reactions sometimes at home, sometimes at the ER. It is scary every time. There is concern that if we inject a live virus into her bloodstream (as would be the case with some childhood vaccines) that bypassing her body's natural defenses could cause irreparable harm to her. It could cause her allergy to react in a much more volatile, rapid and fatal way. Because I am pro-vaccination, this puts me in a terrible situation for which I have prayed endlessly and sought religious guidance because her medical doctors have differing viewpoints which all boil down to...we don't know what would happen to her, there is risk. Some tell me I should risk it (risk my child), others caution me to avoid certain vaccines to keep her safe and alive. However, none of them can give my daughter a medical exemption for vaccines because she hasn't shown any reactions yet. They tell me that if she does, THEN they will issue a medical exemption and they will surely be very sorry for what happened. This is a terrifying risk that could result in permanent injury or death for her and to mandate she assume that risk is completely unethical.

We know that vaccine reactions occur. We know that vaccines do not come risk free. That is known. Both of my daughter's healthy cousins were rushed to the ER hours after their well-child visits where they had vaccines, one with a sudden paralysis and the other with a grand mal seizure. These reactions occurred from different vaccines, different pediatricians and at different ages. Our family is well aware of the risks that come with vaccines. Knowing that vaccines come with risk and then mandating them anyway is a serious intrusion into individual liberties and religious freedoms.

Meanwhile, just a few years ago, a pocket of elementary aged **\*\*vaccinated\*\*** children in my community came down with measles. Most of the families stayed home and isolated as they should before fully recovering and returning to school. Some sent pictures to their doctors to confirm the diagnosis. This was not on the news, this did not concern the mothers. ALL of the children recovered 100%. No infants or pregnant mothers suffered from the spread of measles in our town. Measles does come with risks. Vaccinations also come with risks and our country has a long data bank of adverse reactions from vaccines with a estimation that only 1% of the adverse reactions actually get reported. (They did NOT get reported in the case of my niece (paralysis) and my nephew (grand mal seizure) as mentioned above because while the ER doctor assured my sister that these were related to the vaccines from hours prior and that they'd seen it plenty of times before, the pediatrician refused to document and report this to VAERS. An occasional measles outbreak in which children recover is NOT justification to mandate a medical procedure involving risks that can permanently harm children thereby revoking the right to consent to medical procedures.

Thank you for your time,  
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