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My name is Fred King. I am the father of two. I work as a research analyst for the Oregon Health Authority and I have a master's degree in research design from Cornell University and a doctorate from Portland State. I am here today as a private citizen.

I think this bill is well intended, but I oppose it because it is based on the idea that vaccines are risk free. I used to be a big believer in the safety of vaccines until I found out the hard way that that the official story is not true. My son had a reaction to his childhood vaccinations. The doctors who saw him in the emergency room with a fever of 105 were not trained to recognize this as a possible vaccine reaction, so we continued to bring him to well-baby visits to get vaccinated. He is no longer able to speak and needs 24 hour care.

Since there is a genetic component to being susceptible to vaccine injury, we worried that our daughter might suffer from similar side effects. This bill would make it impossible for us to take a more careful approach with my daughter.

CDC research by William Thompson, in a study that supposedly showed no link between vaccines and neurological side effects, has shown that African Americans are more likely to experience vaccine injury, so this is also an equity issue.

We parents are the ones who live with the consequences when things go wrong, so we should be able to make these and all medical decisions, follow a schedule that we control.



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