

To: Members of the House Committee on Health Care

The subject of vaccinations is one of the most controversial topics today and very difficult to have open discussions about, which makes improvements to vaccinations nearly impossible. I urge you to shut down HB 3063 and instead, please encourage and help facilitate requirements for pre-screening of children before they are blindly vaccinated. Instead of passing laws to force medical procedures, I urge you to help repeal the NVCIA bill passed in 1986 removing liability of vaccine manufacturers from vaccine injury claims. Instead of mandating vaccines, I urge you to join the fight for safer vaccines. Our children deserve it. Your children deserve it. Passing a law that eliminates personal exemptions greatly disables us from ever increasing the safety of vaccines and gives pharmaceutical companies more power over our medical system which is a very dangerous path.

First of all, laws are very difficult to overturn and the current vaccine schedule continues to increase which means this law will dictate our ability to choose in the future, when new, possibly very questionable vaccines are introduced. Take the flu vaccine, for example, that is considered highly effective if approximately 20% of its recipients are protected. That vaccine is considered by many people who believe in vaccines to be a bad choice and too much risk for too little benefit. Under this law, that vaccine could be added to the list of mandatory vaccines and our personal choice would be gone. The bigger picture of this bill is very dangerous.. passing it means signing off on blindly taking drugs that are not even on the market and therefore have unknown safety while providing no incentive for drug companies to provide safe vaccines.

Secondly, there is currently no such thing as informed consent. Informed consent would include things like notifying the public when a vaccine is found to be so dangerous it is pulled from the market. They are in fact recalled but the public is never notified, not even the recipients of said recalled vaccines. Imagine how people would tolerate if cars that were recalled were done so quietly so the public was not informed?! The public would not stand for that but no one even knows when it happens with vaccines. Informed consent would mean many more people would pick and choose which vaccines they take.

Any doctor who says vaccines are safe isn't paying attention. For as much research available showing their effectiveness there is just as much science (in peer reviewed journals and on the FDA and CDC's own websites) that shows they in fact can and do harm. Pharmaceutical companies themselves warn about possible side effects including encephalitis, seizures, Crohn's disease, even guillain-barre syndrome and the list goes on and on so it's a fallacy to claim the risks ALWAYS outweigh the benefits. There are some vaccines for some diseases that were in fact terrible but there are others that, while terrible to experience, are almost never fatal and yet we do not discriminate between those deadly and non-deadly illnesses. Passing this bill would take away all rights to choose. At what point do the risks of forcing vaccinations always outweigh the benefits? If we pass this bill vaccines with obvious side effects far greater than the benefits could become mandatory.

At what point are our children worth enough to insist vaccinations be adequately tested before being administered to children starting in infancy? They are not tested against placebos. They are not tested on pregnant women and yet some are routinely administered to pregnant women. They are recalled often and yet the public they have harmed are never even notified alerted when a batch or new combination is causing so much harm it's pulled off the market. They are tested far less than most drugs on the market which is the reason they get recalled in the first place— pharmaceutical companies are already not held accountable for safety testing so it's not being done. If this bill passes there will be less incentive for pharmaceutical companies to do safety testings and no incentive for them to improve the safety (heavy metal load, testing of ingredients used, etc...). This bill means LESS accountability for pharmaceutical companies not more.

There's just too much to the subject of vaccination to mandate them for everyone who doesn't have a medical exemption.

We need to advocate for vaccination safety and to have pre-screenings on infants and children to identify individuals who might have adverse effects. As a culture we expect improvements where the planet or our environment are concerned. We expect improvements in automobile safety or cars for our children. We even expect improvements to medical procedures like surgeries, emergency care, mental health and so much more. Why not expect and fight for safer vaccines? No medicine will ever be right or safe for everyone but the safety of vaccinations could be greatly improved if people are willing to put aside their fear of questioning and insist on improvements.

Passing this bill gives pharmaceutical companies more control where they should have more accountability, not more control. When was the last time you saw a commercial for a drug and thought to yourself that drug sounds like a good idea? The same companies developing those drugs that are safe for almost no one are also developing vaccines.. they should not be given free licensure to develop vaccines without being held responsible for adverse reactions and if they are not going to be held responsible for their drug side effects, we should not be forced to administer them to our children.

Please do not take away our right to question and refuse medicine that is so controversial most people are unable to even have a reasonable conversation about it. We will never get safer vaccines if we lose our personal rights to refuse them. This law is not about whether you agree or disagree with vaccination. This law is about passing a bill that will remove even more accountability from drug companies. This law will dictate our ability to say no to future, possible very dangerous vaccines. This law will remove all incentive for drug companies to improve the safety of vaccines. This law should not be passed.

Thank you for your time. I hope you will consider the arguments against this bill very carefully.

Sincerely,  
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