

I am submitting this testimony against HB2205. My objection to this bill is that the Meningococcal Vaccine itself carries more risks with adverse side effects than the benefit of making this vaccine mandatory would have on our children. Where there is risk there must be choice.

The CDC website itself reports that meningococcal disease is not highly contagious as contacting it requires exchanging respiratory and throat secretions during close and lengthy contact making it highly unlikely to spread rapidly within a school or daycare system. On the flip side the CDC reports that as many as half of the people who get the Meningococcal Vaccine will have problems from mild to severe. It is highly likely to have side effects from the vaccine and highly unlikely to contract the disease. Half of all those given the Meningococcal Vaccine have side effect from mild to severe which includes irritability, abnormal crying, fever, drowsiness, fatigue, injection site pain, swelling, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, joint pain, sudden loss of consciousness, fainting, inflammation of the brain, convulsions, Guillain Barre Syndrome, and even death. Thus, the risks by far outweigh the benefit of the Meningococcal Vaccine and where this is risk people must be given a choice.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns against this bill.

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