

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Chairman Huebert & Education Committee Members,

I had a normal pregnancy, labor and delivery. No drugs, no interventions. I followed doctors orders during pregnancy and after my son was born. Before his arrival we talked to our pediatrician about vaccines. He said they were safe and that he wouldn't see us if we didn't vaccinate. We had reservations. My nephew had adverse reactions to his 4 month shots. My sister told me about the risks of vaccines and I didn't listen. After my son's 18 month shots (Hep A) he started losing eye contact and regressed with speech. After he turned 2 and more vaccines we started losing our boy to autism. At 2 1/2 he started speech therapy and was put on the waitlist an autism evaluation. He wasn't seen until seven months later and then diagnosed with autism, global developmental delay, absence **seizures** and hypotonia.

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