

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

I am unable to attend the hearing on 2-13-2020, however, medical freedom is important to me.

As a baby, I had a severe reaction to a vaccine and my mother was told by my medical doctor not to continue. I was sick constantly for several years after. When I became a parent the doctors convinced me to vaccinate because, that's what they do. There seems to be no choice for new parents and when we do ask questions we are told we are uneducated in this field. My husband at the time was just starting Chiropractic school. He had his doubts but was again convinced that vaccinating was the only option! Our baby who was sleeping 7 hours a nights and calm during the days saw a drastic change after her shots. She screamed all day every day for weeks, her leg swelled up so bad we had to wrap her in blankets because her pants would not fit over the injection sight, fever, etc. Fast forward 5 years to our next born we were very educated in vaccines by this point and chose not to vaccinate. My husband had not only completed his doctorate of Chiropractic but had spent hundreds of hours researching vaccines. We were fully aware of the pros and cons and did not let anyone talk us into anything. Of course this did not go over well with our doctors and nurses. We were again told we were uneducated and didnt know what was best for our child. My children are 4 & 9 now. My 4 year old rarely gets sick and when she does it lasts 24 hours unlike my oldest who was sick constantly as a toddler.

I'm not using graphs or research in this letter (although there is plenty I could use, I'm assuming others have gave that information). I'm just talking to you as a mother. Taking away people's right to choose what they put into their body is a scary slope. Vaccines are not a one size fits all solution. Every person in this world is different. Their DNA is different, what their bodies can handle is different, what they will react to is different, but we are supposed to believe that the same vaccines should be given to everyone? Even an "uneducated" person can see the flaws with that statement.

Please support Representative Heurbert's bill HB 2601.

Thank you,
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