

Re: HB 2601

February 10, 2020

Dear Education Committee Members,

I pray that you can hear this. For the better part of the last five years I have been reading almost everything I could find, on human development and that slowly morphed into reading on human health and immunity, my oldest child is almost four. I will admit that when I started, it was a bit of fear of everything and a hunger to learn everything I could to provide the best I could for my child. There was a fear of diseases, fear of the vaccine, fear of judgment, fear of doing the wrong thing, fear of harm coming to my child, and in many ways fear of the unknown. My precious husband told me to wait if I was scared, because I could always do it later, and that gave me the time to dig in. I learned that babies both before and after birth are designed to have low levels of inflammation and have a suppressed immune response, as they are intended to be protected by their mothers, first inside the womb and then afterwards through breastfeeding. Mammals in general have this and for human babies it is at around two years old that their own immune responses start to take over. From this, I decided we would wait for two years when the preventive measure of vaccinating would be more effective.

It was around this time also that a close friend of mine, who I admit I thought was a little on the fringe, got a diagnosis of a rare mitochondria disorder for her two and a half year old daughter, I knew they had chosen not to vaccinate, but the conclusions came back that if they had, their daughter would most likely be dead. That gave me serious pause.... we vaccinate in the first 24 hours for hepatitis B in our country and how much do we know about a baby then? I began to understand that there are other genetic and environmental factors that could increase the risk of a child having a bad response to a vaccine.

As far as I could tell, and had seen, we don't test for any of these known issues prior to vaccinating babies. We treat it as one size fits all, but we know medications and health related topics are never really the same across the board. I also began to learn more about the diseases we vaccinate for and what their treatments are and related health risks. I learned how immune responses work, first with the mucosal systems and then through the body. Vaccines pass by the entire designed immune response and train your body in an unnatural way to respond to a pathogen. Trying to one up the design of God, which for the little we know do about it, is incredible, and we have yet to outdo in anything.

I slowly became less scared of the diseases. I also learned more about how to support a healthy immune system., which gave me confidence. The more I learned in regard to the ingredients in vaccines, the more I recognized in no other place would I use any of them to generate health. And we are selling vaccines as promoting health in our children? Why are these mandated? What other preventative health initiatives do we feel the need to mandate to participate in society? If, for a random example, you want to eat garlic every day as a preventative health measure, you are welcome to, and I am welcome not to, and you are not worried about if I am or not, because you believe eating garlic works to protect you. I do not want to be forced to incur an unknown and untested risk on my child for a disease that I am not worried about the implications of, either to my child or society. There have been plenty of diseases that have come and gone from societies without the sale of vaccinations. The other part is, I am not trying to directly stop someone who puts the risk category higher on the disease than the vaccine. They are welcome to use that preventative measure for themselves. Ideally, they should be informed of the risks involved but they are free to assess it differently than I have. We want the freedom to trust God more than the modern pharmaceutical machine, to care for our families in the best way we know how. And to participate in society without fear that we will be punished for these decisions. Please don't mandate my medical decisions.

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