

Written Testimony Only

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PROPONENT of HB2498

Madam Chair Landwehr and the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

I understand that the committee is contemplating a bill that will prevent the Secretary of Health and Human Services from mandating the COVID vaccine for day care, and schools, HB 2498.

The thought that the Secretary would have the power to authorize this vaccine for all children in day care and schools is abhorrent to me and should also be to anyone who values the democratic nature of our republic. If one man, who is appointed by the governor, is given the authority to levy a 'mandate' on all young children in the state, we are going to lose the very checks and balances that are so crucial to preventing governmental abuse. The founding fathers knew that all branches of the government needed 'Constitutional arms' to fight back on any encroachment of their jurisdiction. In this case, we have one man with no one to answer to but the governor who appointed him. If there is to be any such decision, it needs to be according to a process wherein a check on abuse of power is provided.

Other than the obvious possibility of abuse in giving one person such authority, I would also like to remind the Committee that this particular vaccine is not a vaccine in the original sense. Although it has been approved by the FDA, there is no approved version available in the USA. We also have a situation where children are not and were never at risk for adverse events from COVID, although we are seeing serious adverse events in the non-mainstream news, overseas, and in VAERS, for children. We are seeing the virus get less and less dangerous as well. There would be no justification for such a measure.

Not only do we need to make sure one person cannot override the people, we need to make clear that should anything like adding a mandatory vaccine to an already full vaccine schedule for very small bodies, be subject to the highest scrutiny we can manage. Science is full of 'beautiful theories that have been debunked by a brutal gang of facts'. As usual, the best society is the also the most free. Free to consider the evidence personally and make the medical decisions that loving and responsible parents have decided are best for their children. Free to have an education without being discriminated against based on your medical records. Free to debate the pros and cons of policy in the realm of our political life. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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