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In Support of SB 212

To: Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members

My letter is in support of SB 212. First, it is the parents' rights to make healthcare decisions for their children. Additional vaccine requirements without parental input from an unelected official is antithetical to our republican system of government. If this official chooses to go against the will of the people due to a political agenda or erroneous facts, parents and community members have no recourse to hold this individual to account. Consider that even the *Wall Street Journal* called out Dr. Norman's mask data presented to the public as deceptive.

Further, if a vaccine is mandated for children and a child is injured, parents have no recourse through the courts, either. Pharmaceutical companies that do great work are protected against lawsuits and often even being somewhat accountable to the public. Consider that even though GlaxoSmithKline is one of the most heavily fined drug company for illegal actions but have not had any decision makers serve any prison! Other drug companies have also been fined in the billions in the United States alone. However, that money is not given to those harmed by the products. While there are many wonderful drugs that have been developed to further our lives, pharmaceutical companies are shielded from the negative effects our children and community may suffer.

It is an individual's (and in the case of children, the parents') right to weigh the risks and benefits of drugs.

Thank you for reading my letter,

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