

Chairman Young, Vice-Chair Devitis and Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan and members of the Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in favor of HB 193.

I have been a physician for almost 40 years in Ohio. Unfortunately, I was forced to retire for 8 years secondary to a reaction from a flu vaccine that caused a right leg paralysis which progressed into an autoimmune disorder. The flu vaccine that led to my Brown –Sequard Syndrome was a government mandated vaccine for hospital employees.

I have been involved in ongoing discussions, over the years, about the pros and cons of vaccinations, especially the flu vaccines. I believe that forced injections of foreign material into one's body without informed consent or against their wishes is very wrong. Especially if that material has not been shown to be absolutely safe.

Proponents of forced vaccinations give the same arguments every year. They say that influenza is a serious disease. Which it is. But they tend to inflate their numbers. For example in 2013, CDC said that 56, 979 people died from influenza and pneumonia, making it one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. On closer examination, you will find that 53, 282 of those deaths were from pneumonia. They forget to mention that the flu vaccine has never been shown to prevent pneumonia or complications from pneumonia. During the flu season, 80-90% of flu related deaths occur in people 65 years and older. The flu vaccine was designed to prevent the flu in this age group. But there is not one good study that shows the flu vaccine prevents the elderly from getting the flu nor does it prevent the elderly from getting any complications from the flu.

Proponents say that forced vaccinations are needed to obtain herd immunity. Herd immunity is based on the idea that if 90% of the population can be vaccinated, then those who are immune suppressed will be protected. The problem with this theory is that herd immunity is based on natural biological immunity. That is through the oral and GI tract, not by injected material. Natural immunity gives life-long immunity. When vaccines were first introduced, scientists assumed they would also give life long protection. This idea has not worked out, which is why booster shots are now encouraged. Vaccine immunity, if it occurs (usually less than 65% in their best years), will last no more than 2-4 years. It is an impossible dream to reach the 90% threshold suggested for herd immunity with vaccinations.

Proponents of forced vaccinations always say that "vaccines are safe". In 1986, Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. This is the law that protects vaccine manufacturers and doctors from liability when a vaccine causes a permanent disability or death. The reason for this law was because the Congress and the Supreme Court concluded that government licensed vaccines are "unavoidably unsafe." In addition, in 2010, the flu vaccine was listed as a Category C drug. That means that there not enough animal or human studies to establish safety. You would think that if there were any studies to back up their claims of being safe, the vaccine companies would have be able to prevent that classification. Maybe because their immunity, they didn't really need to worry.

Vaccines may be considered more favorably if they were able to make them without the long list of additives that are added to enhance the immune reaction and act as a preservatives. An obvious chemical that has been removed from some vaccines, but not from the flu vaccine is thimerosal. This a compound that is approximately 50% mercury. Mercury is the second most poisonous element known to man, next to uranium. The flu vaccine has "only" 25 mcg which translates into 50,000 ppb for each

adult shot. For comparison, 2 ppb is the mandated limit in drinking water, 200 ppb in liquid waste is called toxin waste! Therefore the flu shot contains 25,000 times more than what is considered "safe". Once mercury is in the body it can be very hard to remove.

In addition to thimerosal, vaccines contain aluminum which is a neurotoxin and can accumulate in the brain and bones. It has been linked to Alzheimer's disease. Formaldehyde is added and is neuro toxic and is known to cause cancer. Flu vaccines also contain Triton X-100, a detergent, ethylene glycol (antifreeze), Octoxinol 9, a vaginal spermicide, and phenol (carbolic acid) along with others. Surprisingly, most of the additives have never been evaluated for use in humans.

Even if vaccines were made so that they were safe to use, the idea that one could be forced to have something injected into their body without their consent is unimaginable and goes against basic human rights. But knowing that vaccines are "unsafe", containing chemicals that are known neurotoxins and carcinogens, for the "impossible dream" of obtaining herd immunity, sounds like it should be illegal, certainly not the law of the land.

Respectively,

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