

Testimony of James Bunch MA LPCC

Ohio House Health Committee

Re: House Bill 559

Opposition to proposed changes to immunization exemptions and tracking processes

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Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Antonio, and honorable members of the Health Committee:

Thank you for reading my opponent testimony for House Bill 559. My name is James Bunch. I am a practicing Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with an MA in Professional Counseling and a BA in Psychology. Thanks to the unconstrained, universal, one-size-fits-all push for vaccination, two of my sons suffered serious vaccine reactions. At 8 months old my oldest son, Liam, was developmentally ahead for his age and had never been sick- until a flu shot at 8 months old that set off a downward spiral in his health and development. By 14 months old he was regressing had begun suffering grand mal status seizures.

If you are unfamiliar with status seizures, they are seizures that do not stop on their own within five minutes and require rectally administered emergency medication to prevent brain damage or death. It was not unusual for Liam to seize for ten minutes or more. At his worst he seized for sixteen minutes straight despite medication. I hope no other parent ever has to watch their child slowly suffocating, watch them turn blue, try to clear the vomit from their mouth to keep them from aspirating as they continue to seize, and wonder if this will be the time they lose their child.

By preschool Liam had an IEP under autism education. He was brilliant. You could see it under the layers of autistic behaviors- beneath the meltdowns, beneath the jumbled incoherent words when he wanted to communicate. We spent four years recovering him as best we could with the help of a compassionate holistic doctor. Not an MD. Every doctor we saw just wanted to throw meds and therapy at him with a "sorry about your luck". We know now that honest, holistic, compassionate MDs and DOs exist, but 9 years ago we were utterly alone against a compassionless sold-out medical industry.

With our oldest son in the early throes of his vaccine injury, we had no desire to risk vaccinating our second son, Matrim. But we were pressured into getting the Dtap and polio vaccines by their then pediatrician, despite a family history that should have been evoking every sort of red flag for any honest doctor. Within hours our two month old had developed high pitched screaming and poor feeding. When we called his pediatrician we were told it was 'normal'. It would be years later as we battled behavior issues, memory and learning problems, and sleeping issues that we learned his reaction to the Dtap at two months was not, in fact, normal, but was actually indicative of vaccine induced encephalitis and has long term effects such as those we continue to battle today.

As shown on genetic testing, our oldest is unable to process NSAIDS and has a double mutation on the MTHFR gene making it extremely difficult for him (and the estimated 40% of other people with one or more of the same mutation) to properly detox the metals, preservatives, dyes, and other toxic and questionable vaccine ingredients. Through careful control of his diet he is

able to occasionally enjoy ‘junkier’ foods without reactions, but the consequences can be serious if overdone. How much more so for injected dyes, preservatives, etc. that do not pass through the gut and various detoxing organs in the same way as ingested foods? How many of the children with chronic medical issues like my sons’ are suffering in part from the toxic cocktail of childhood vaccines? As shown by the many privately funded studies available nationally and internationally, a majority of them. But since the CDC conveniently doesn’t include the hundreds of available studies showing serious issues with the vaccine program- children like my sons continue to suffer.

Parents opting out of vaccination are far from uneducated extremists. The CDC itself noted that most vaccine resistant parents are wealthier and/or highly educated. Should that matter? I don’t think so. People of all sorts of backgrounds and walks of life are capable of reading the abundant, peer reviewed, publicly available research documenting the role of vaccines in everything from autism and epilepsy to cancer and autoimmune disease. Including legislators such as yourselves. In a society with access to food, clean water, and sanitation, which do you think is truly a greater burden to society? A self-limiting viral infection, easily treated by vitamin A, such as Measles? Or deadly pediatric cancers and an autism rate of 1 in 36 as reported by the CDC’s National Health Interview Survey (1 in 14 diagnosed with any kind of developmental disability)?

And before everyone jumps to the old, “research has proven there is no link between vaccines and autism” nonsense, let’s just take a moment to quote CDC Senior Scientist William Thompson after he secretly released documents showing CDC fraud:

“I regret that my coauthors and I omitted statistically significant information in our 2004 article published in the journal *Pediatrics*. The omitted data suggested that African American males who received the MMR vaccine before age 36 months were at increased risk for autism. Decisions were made regarding which findings to report after the data were collected, and I believe that the final study protocol was not followed.”

You would do well to note, that this only explored the connection between ONE vaccine, the MMR, and autism. What about all the other vaccines? What about when multiple vaccines are given in one visit? What if the child has unknown mutations or underlying undiscovered mitochondrial dysfunction? Who is going to stand up for these children?

Families like ours are becoming less and less rare. We didn’t just wake up one day and stop vaccinating because we thought it would be fun to be ridiculed, discriminated against, and mocked. We stopped vaccinating because *first*, we *did* vaccinate- and learned the hard way that vaccines can maim and kill. As parents, it is absolutely our right to protect and make decisions for our children without special interests in the form of doctors and pharmaceutical companies attempting to coerce us to the contrary. Every parent has that right and this legislation would trample all over it. How can honest pros and cons of vaccines possibly be used to ‘educate’ parents when the CDC itself is committing research fraud?

The very existence of the 1986 Childhood Vaccine Injury Act should indicate to anyone willing to be honest, that vaccines have real potential to do harm. If you are not familiar with that act, you should be. It removed liability from Vaccine manufacturers because they were being frequently sued by parents and vaccine recipients who were being damaged by their products. Would you use a car seat made by a company that bears no responsibility should it harm your child? How about a car? No? Then why would you even consider passing a tyrannical law designed to coerce parents into accepting vaccines made by companies who have no motivation to make a safe product and no liability should that product do harm?

I cannot fathom how, in a supposedly free country, any legislator would think it acceptable to force parents to expend their own resources of time, energy, and money to receive 'education' on a highly contentious, risk carrying decision highly influenced by special interests. What's more, it is mind blowing to think that any one of you would support the tracking of unvaccinated children. Shall we track the children with AIDS as well? How about children with Hepatitis infections? Mono? Such a tracking system is undeniably nothing less than the worst sort of discrimination and will inevitably result in the 'outing' of unvaccinated children and their parents to the detriment of those families and their communities.

What will it take to end the punishment of families who choose alternative paths to wellness? When will legislators stop buying into the propaganda and begin listening to the numerous doctors and scientists crying out against the ever-growing list of vaccine injuries at great personal expense to their careers and reputations? The science is not settled. It never has been settled. Current Ohio exemption law is more than adequate and protects family from discrimination and coercion. Where there is risk, there must be choice.

Finally, I ask the following pressing questions-

How can it possibly be constitutional to require a medical doctor to sign off on a person's conscientious or religious beliefs? All the more when vaccine research and manufacturing includes the use of tissue from infant victims of the abortion industry. Have you considered what sort of civil rights lawsuits this could land Ohio in, inevitably wasting the attention and finances of the state?

How can one consider it at all responsible to pass a law with an unspecified form which could potentially be used against parents should pro vaccinating groups such as the AAP influence the wording to suggest that parents are 'endangering' their children when they opt out of vaccination, despite the established risks?

What reason is there not to specify exactly what the form will say? Exactly who can sign it? How is it to be turned in, etc.? Thus far legislators have attempted to assure us that the bill is no big deal, but in reading the actual bill it clearly lacks important specifics and protections for parents opting out of the vaccine program.

Last, and perhaps most disturbing, how can the current wording, that signing of the form *does not* guarantee exemption, possibly be justified? If signing of the form does not guarantee

exemption, what exactly does? Do doctors have to sign it at all if they do not wish to or are in disagreement with the parent?

This bill is clearly an attack on parental, informed consent, and medical freedom rights. I respectfully ask that each of you withdraw support in acknowledgement of the many discriminatory, coercive, and unconstitutional aspects of this bill.