

Testimony of Kara Brown

Ohio Health Committee

Re: House Bill 559

Opposition to proposed changes to immunization exemptions and tracking processes

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Good morning. My name is Kara Brown I am a stay at home mother of four children, their ages range from 1 to 9 years old. I would like to tell you my reasons I oppose HB 559. I am very concerned about the tracking of my children's vaccination status and the information being made public, and that this bill would require me to get a medical education to obtain my religious exemption.

In 2017 my children were kicked out of their pediatrician's office of 8 years when I told the pediatrician I would not be vaccinating because of my religious beliefs. She proceeded to tell me that their policy had changed and if I did not vaccinate my children we were no longer welcomed at their office. I was given no options, it was either vaccinate or go somewhere else. My children's current pediatrician also asked why I was not vaccinating and after I had told her my religious views she commented "praying won't protect your child."

A doctor is not qualified to determine religious matters. To require me to get a medical education is putting a doctor between God and myself.

Doctors do not know my sincere religious beliefs. That my children and I were created in Gods Image (Genesis 1:27) and he made us perfect (Genesis 1:31), he made our immune systems perfect and the way our bodies work perfect. The artificial manipulation of injecting live viruses, bacteria, and toxins goes against Gods desire of how he created us and how he intended for our bodies to work (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) and we are commanded to keep it pure. Injecting the body with aluminum, mercury, formaldehyde, aborted fetal tissue and animal DNA is going against Gods will.

-Is it constitutionally valid to require a medical professional to sign off on my religious exemption?

I oppose this bill because it is an attack on my parental rights.

