

Honorable Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Antonio and Honorable Members of the Health Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on House Bill 559.

My name is Kathleen Hunt. I am a two time cancer survivor and doing quite well. I would like to address this panel on choices. Currently we have the belief that we are able to choose what we want to eat, what job we take, what we do for leisure, our friends, religion etc. I feel having a right to choose the medical treatment I receive is also within that spectrum.

I have had doctors treat me who dropped the ball.

One in particular diagnosed a lump on my thigh as a hematoma, to the point that the doctor argued with me and belittled me, repeatedly saying that it was not a tumor. Throughout these 4 months of multiple doctors appointments, the physician continued to belittle me by saying that I was trying to make it something it wasn't. Finally, after begging for an MRI, I found that I had a malignant sarcoma which when removed weighed 2 1/2 pounds.

The doctor made a mistake. It was not a hematoma, it was cancer, and it had grown.

Doctors are human, making mistakes every day. Without collecting all information, mistakes are made and peoples lives hang in the balance. A recent study showed medical mistakes are the third leading cause of death in America. This fact is especially sombering for me, a grandma and a mom, thinking what could have happened if I did not advocate for myself. I KNEW it wasn't a hematoma. But, without an MD I couldn't prove it.

The thought of forcing me to get an injection when I do not feel I need one- this bodily autonomy should be my God given right. If you would read the inserts about the ingredients in vaccines it would sicken you. Read the side effects. Look at how many children will never have a normal life or have died due to these shots. Yet, the medical community continues to flagrantly administer these inoculations.

I cannot believe for one minute that the data you have collected to make your educated decision on my life should be my destiny in life. I at one time was very religious about getting all inoculations I was told I needed, and every year I became ill from the shot. How absurd.

I found that keeping my immune system in working order helped keep me well without vaccines, even with my job teaching special education children. That is a whole other issue, children I educated that were born normal and slide into the dark side of autism as they got their 2 year old inoculations. I have watched it happen alongside these moms and dads.

During the time of my cancer treatment my beautiful unvaccinated grandchildren came to visit me. Not for one minute did I flinch or worry about being around them, nor did they expose to me any contagious diseases. So, this arguement of cancer patients being around children without vaccines is absurd. In fact, I learned that I should truly be avoiding those recently vaccinated with chicken pox or shingles, because those are live viruses that can make someone contagious. I had no idea.

It saddens and angers me that the medical professional at large feels they have the right to play God. Please allow us to have our God given right to make choices to our bodies. Herd immunity by the way is not working. I do realize there are pros and cons, but as educated leaders of our society, read both sides. Vaccines are not for all, please I pray, that you do not take away our God given right to make our own choices to our bodies. Children without vaccines are not a threat to society. The threat is the ingredients in these inoculations that we have no idea what effect generations to come.

Thank You,

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