

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

I am here today to provide opponent testimony on House Bill 559. My name is Rich Ward. I am an Ohio resident and a parent. I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons:

1. HB559 violates the Ohio Constitution **I.21 Preservation of the freedom to choose health care and health care coverage** which states (A) No federal, state, or local law or rule shall compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in a health care system. HB-559 violates this section by forcing a parent to visit a physician for the sole purpose of receiving an “education” on the benefits of vaccines. My family does not participate and will not participate in a healthcare system that promotes and uses vaccines.

2. During the bill introduction Representative Gonzales stated that parents who chose to opt out of vaccination could simply fax or email the form to a doctor for signature and that a Doctor could simply fax or email some vaccine educational literature to a parent and then sign the form and fax or email the signed form to the parent. I read the bill. This is not in the bill. Why would a representative make such statements when clearly it’s not in the bill? The only thing I can think of is it was an attempt to minimize the impact it will really have on the people of Ohio. If it’s not in writing in the bill it simply isn’t true.

3. During proponent testimony it was stated that emailing and faxing would not be sufficient and that an in person visit would be required which is in direct conflict with what Representative Gonzales said and again it’s not in writing as part of the bill.

4. During proponent testimony Representative West questioned numerous times as to whether the bill would be a financial burden on families just to receive a signature on a form to opt out of vaccination. The two year resident then clearly stated that “yes I do suppose it would be a financial burden” and then further stated “well the vaccines aren’t free either”. Who pays the bill associated with this? I’m certainly not.

5. I do not participate in any healthcare system that promotes or uses vaccines and yet under HB-559 I would be required to not only participate but get an “education” around vaccines. If this unconstitutional law were to pass I can only imagine what this so called “education” would consist of. During proponent testimony this question was also asked and the response was “ it’s simply a conversation with your doctor”. There are no standards for this educational process that Doctors are to use which leaves the door wide open to basically anything and everything.

Here's the education my cousin Stacy received prior to her little boy receiving 9 vaccines at his 4yr well check up ( doctor said " he'll be perfectly fine, all the vaccines are safe & tested". Doctors assured her everything would be fine. Well, everything isn't fine. Her little boy is dead!

Instead of the "minimizing speak" about how vaccines are safe and effective how about telling parents to their face exactly what is in each vaccine, each individual ingredient and how each ingredient might affect their child and then how all of the ingredients combined might affect their child? Vaccine ingredients explained in plain easy to understand everyday language and not the industry jargon and terminology found on the vaccine inserts.

Here's an example of just one ingredient found in the MMR Vaccine: WI-38 human diploid lung fibroblasts. What does that even mean? I had to Google it to find out. Here's what it means: WI-38 is a diploid human cell strain composed of fibroblasts derived from lung tissue of a 3 months gestation female fetus. How many parents do you think actually know that? Do you think doctors are informing parents that this is about to be injected into your child? I think we all know the answer to that question.

How about this one: "MRC 5 CELLS" Ok what does that really mean? Google is our friend. I had to look that one up as well. I didn't have a clue what that was. Here's what MRC 5 CELLS really means in plain everyday speak: It's a diploid human cell culture line composed of fibroblasts derived from lung tissue of a 14 week old aborted Caucasian male fetus.

Here's another one: Fetal Bovine Serum. What does that really mean? Again I had to google it. Here's what it means: Fetal bovine serum is a by product of the dairy industry. Fetal bovine serum, as with the vast majority of animal serum used in cell culture, is produced from blood collected at commercial slaughter houses from dairy cattle.

I don't know about you but aborted fetus cells and fetal bovine serum aren't being injected into my kids. How many parents do you think are being informed of these ingredients?

HB-559 is clearly a very poorly thought out bill and would have a huge negative impact on the people of Ohio.

I strongly urge you to vote against HB-559.

Regards,  
Rich Ward

