

Testimony of Scott Shoemaker

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 allowing me to provide opponent testimony for House Bill 559. My name is Scott Shoemaker and I am the father of a child injured by vaccines in 2003. I recovered my child in a very short time by removing the toxic metals like aluminum and mercury that vaccines put into him. I video-taped his injury and rapid recovery, and the video has gone viral on the internet. I currently volunteer a lot of my time to help other parents of vaccine injured children from all around the world to recover them. This video can be found at <http://www.shoemaker.us>, and I encourage all of you to spend just 8 minutes of your time to see what vaccine injury looks like, and how children can rapidly recover from vaccine induced neuro-developmental disorders by removing injected toxic metals.

HB 559 would require parents to submit a standardized form to daycare providers and schools to receive exemption from current vaccine requirements. The form would require a physician's signature and education on the risks and benefits of vaccination, as well as the risks of various illnesses. Although this bill does not keep parents from getting an exemption, this bill does give doctors and other medical professionals the ability to bully, shame, harass, and inconvenience parents that wish to exercise their right to an exemption.

If HB 559 passes, parents that currently have medical exemptions for their children are not going to change their minds about vaccinating just because they would be required to see a doctor in order to get a form signed. Most of these parents (like me) that fit into this category have vaccine injured children that cannot tolerate vaccines well. Why would these parents change their minds after watching a vaccine injure their child if there is a possibility that it could happen again? The answer is very simple -- They won't.

If HB 559 passes, parents that have religious exemptions for their children are not going to change their minds after seeing a doctor to get information. Most of these parents have done their own research and know that vaccines contain aborted fetal tissue and/or DNA from animals, and injecting this into their children violates their religious beliefs. Does anyone who is for HB 559 really think that these parents are going to magically change their minds, and/or their religious beliefs and allow doctors to inject "dead baby" into their kids? Of course not! **Sending a parent to a doctor to have a religious exemption signed is like sending a patient to a pastor to have a physical form signed.** It is absolutely ridiculous and makes no sense.

If HB 559 passes, parents that have reasons of conscience objections are not going to change their minds after receiving information from a doctor's visit. These parents also have done their own research. There is a reason that they have reservations about vaccinating in the first place.

Many of these parents believe that we have essentially traded in what used to be common childhood illnesses that most children recovered from without any unwanted side effects into a slew of life long auto-immune and neurological disorders with a lifetime of suffering. They simply do not believe that vaccines are safe.

I was disturbed to listen to some of the proponents testimony last week that spoke of global deaths from vaccine preventable illnesses, when essentially, the death rates in THIS country from the majority of the vaccine preventable illnesses was approaching zero BEFORE their corresponding vaccines were introduced according to the CDC's own data! A simple internet search will pull up this data from the CDCs website. Deaths from Pertussis, Diphtheria, Polio, and Measles were approaching zero in the 1950's before their corresponding vaccines were released. It was the changes in sanitation and the understanding of how these illnesses spread that stopped deaths from these illnesses and not the vaccines. Furthermore, Scarlet Fever, and Typhoid Fever were just as deadly than some of these other illnesses. Deaths from these illnesses also began to disappear around the same time in the 1950s, but there is no vaccine for them today. Vaccine marketing is largely based on fear, and death rates in third world countries with poor sanitation should not be used to coerce people in this country to vaccinate.

We have some of the sickest kids in history. A double-blind placebo study studying vaccinated vs unvaccinated children has never been done, and the CDC refuses to do it when the populations exist. For disorders like autism, only one vaccine (MMR) and one ingredient (thimerosal) has ever been studied yet a blanket statement is made that "vaccines do not cause autism". The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund has paid out almost \$3.9 billion to date to victims of vaccine injury and their families. This alone should give anyone a right to an exemption. **Where there is risk, there must be choice!**

If the proponents of HB 559 want to increase vaccination rates, maybe they should lobby for a vaccinated vs unvaccinated study to be done immediately with the current vaccine schedule to show everyone that does not vaccinate what the safety rate of these vaccines actually are instead of passing ridiculous legislation that only increases doctors profits by requiring an office visit, and allows parents that currently have exemptions to be bullied by the medical community. Because this study has never been done and the CDC refuses to do it, there is a growing population that is losing faith in the current vaccination program. Until this is done, many people will not change their minds.

Thanks again for this opportunity, and I'm happy to answer any questions you have for me.