

HB 248

I am your constituent and ask you to vote against HB 248-11. As geriatrician I have to be able to require that my staff working with my very high risk patients, get vaccinated against COVID-19.

This bill also applies to ALL immunizations, including childhood vaccines. I am old enough to have seen children die of shortness of breath from pneumonia that was prevented with the introduction of the pneumonia shot. Similarly, I do not want diseases such as measles, mumps, hepatitis, meningitis and polio to recur. For measles for example we require 95% herd immunity to keep it from erupting and causing blindness and death.

Patients on cancer treatment, older patients or on immune suppressants for transplants have a right to choose a venue that requires vaccination for their safety. They cannot get effective immunity from vaccines but can be kept safe if everyone around them is vaccinated. Do not prevent businesses from having that option to choose a safe place that requires vaccination, if they want to choose this. Vote against HB 248-11.

Sincerely,

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