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Dear Representative Lipps,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 248. My husband and I trustingly followed the CDC's suggested vaccination schedule for our first child, Sarah, who was born in 1998. Sarah was born a perfectly healthy baby. She had a severe vaccine reaction as an infant, and her injury changed our lives forever. As a result of Sarah's vaccine injury, she was diagnosed with intractable epilepsy and PDD. At the age of 16, Sarah died from a prolonged seizure.

About the same time we came to understand the potential risks of vaccines for our children, my husband and I also learned that many of the vaccines are produced from the cell lines of aborted babies. We are Catholic. Taking or giving our children a vaccine that has been produced using human cell lines derived from direct abortions definitely violates our consciences and is therefore not permissible by our religion.

House Bill 248 should be kept as it is, not be changed to be COVID specific. Whether to vaccinate or not is a personal choice for many reasons including the unique risks and benefits to one's personal health and their religious beliefs. A person should not be discriminated against if he/she chooses not to vaccinate.

Thank you,

Kim Nerswick