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Senator Peterson,

Please oppose HB218. Vaccinations are undeniably beneficial to our nation's public health. Vaccines have been saving lives and preventing illness for decades. This should not be a political debate, it should be about the welfare of our country and people. Vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. They are one of, if not the, greatest achievement for public health. If vaccines are not mandated, lives will be lost and people will die unnecessarily, including children. While working at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, I have seen kids come in with infections from vaccine preventable diseases. It is difficult to see kids become ill and hospitalized, knowing we have the medical means to prevent the disease. There are kids who cannot receive vaccines, and depend on immunity of others for protection. I am asking you to please oppose this bill and do not pass it.

Thank you

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