

Chairman Lipps,

I am writing today about the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act, bill-HB248. I want to share a brief testimony that I hope you will take into consideration.

I had my first child in 2008, a bubbly and very bright baby from the start. She would even lift her head up and look around from the moment she was born! She was very advanced and intelligent as a young baby. I always had apprehension about getting her vaccinated, but my husband assured me that we needed to think about others and keep our own child safe. I decided to go ahead and do my part and vaccinate her with her first vaccines (DTAP) at 2 months old. After she was vaccinated she was sitting on her grandpa's lap and began to have a blank stare and she began to jerk and shake. I honestly felt it was a reaction, but my husband assured me that young babies do strange things and we were new parents.

So, we went onto the 4 month scheduled vaccine and that night she shook very hard, as I changed her diaper. I was very close to calling 9-11. I was not sure at the time with being a new parent, what was going on with her. These reactions only happened after being vaccinated each time. I decided to look further into the vaccine ingredients and potential reactions on CDC's website. I found that jerking, staring, and seizures, do happen to some children. So, my fears were confirmed and we stopped the vaccine schedule because she was seizing.

When she was around 4 years old we knew she would be going to school soon and since she was much older, we would try to finish her vaccinations. We had her get the polio vaccine and a week later she said, "Mommy, I don't feel good" and started acting strange again. From that point on, she had major stomach issues. She even has them to this day, and she is now 13 years old.

My issue with forced/mandatory vaccines is the fact that I have experienced bad reactions first hand with my daughter even though we tried doing our part. The ingredients in vaccines are debatable as for safety. Also, I have learned that one sized shoe will never fit all people. My mother cannot tolerate chocolate or caffeine, as I have called 9-11 many times when she has eaten it. Some drink a whole pot of coffee daily with no reaction. The same goes for allergies, such as peanuts. We are all very unique beings with different sensitivities.

How can we know how each person will react to a brand new and barely tested Covid vaccine? Covid has taken many lives, but so has the vaccine so far. I cannot understand with no FDA approval and no liability, how this is even ethical, or safe? The virus has such a high survival rate for most, and the best thing we can do is improve our daily habits. Such as: eating a healthy diet, taking supplements and herbals (vitamin D, Zinc, etc.) I am saying this and know for most people that these things will work, as I myself had Covid and so did my husband and all of our children.

I feel that healthcare for myself and family should be our choice. It should be everyone's choice no matter what their profession. Our bodies are the most personal thing we have, and if our rights are removed with something as personal as that, then this is not the America I know. We want safety, but we also want freedom to choose what we feel is best for us. It's sad that only one narrative is being played out. Science and medicine should include all view points so we can see in a non-biased way. I support this bill 100%

Thank you for your time,

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