

Hello! I fully support HB 248 because it protects freedom and choice. If people want a vaccine, then they can get one. If someone does not want a vaccine, this protects their freedom and their choice.

Let me give a bit of background. I am a mother to my 10-year-old daughter. When my daughter was born, I followed the doctor's orders to have her fully vaccinated per the CDC's schedule. I followed it so closely that I even made the doctor's appointments on her birthday so she wouldn't be even a day late getting the proscribed vaccinations. I tell you this because I want you to know my background has always been to vaccinate myself and my loved ones.

Fast forward several years to when my daughter was four-years-old. I knew something wasn't right with her. Her pediatrician dismissed my concerns so I started seeing any and all specialists I could find to figure out what was wrong. It has taken many years to figure out she has auto-immune brain inflammation, a condition called PANDAS.

Her doctor has advised me to cease giving her any vaccinations because they can contribute to the encephalitis in her brain. We also avoid other things that can contribute to the inflammation. She is on a gluten-free, dairy-free diet. We engage in multiple therapies and have done many things over the years costing tens of thousands of dollars. If someone were to mandate that she eat gluten I would fight for her freedom to avoid gluten. If someone were to outlaw one of her therapies, I would fight for her freedom to be able to continue that therapy. This is what brings me to HB 248. I am fighting for her freedom to avoid vaccines. Yes, she has a medical exemption. But I don't want to live in a society where she has to use that medical exemption. Living in the free country that is the United States of America, I want to have the freedom that she can avoid a medical procedure or injection if we so choose.

I also want the freedom to not be discriminated against simply because one chooses not to undergo a medical procedure / injection. Your job, schooling or anything else in your life should not depend upon if you have received an injection or not.

Like I said in the opening paragraph, if someone else chooses to receive that vaccine, they should have that freedom. I only ask that we also have the freedom to decline a medical procedure / injection. I ask you to approve HB 248 so we can maintain the freedoms and choices a parent should have for her children.... And for ourselves.

Thank you for your time.

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