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Written Testimony of Salesha Olson in Support of HB 1468 relating to informed consent and notice of risks associated with vaccines; and to provide a penalty

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am writing with great concern and strong support of HB 1468.

I became a mother almost 19 years ago and have spent the last 14 years educating myself about vaccines for the sake of my, now 7, children. It should not be difficult to find information regarding the benefits vs. risks of vaccination, the contraindications, the alternative vaccination schedules, and any other information that will help parents make a fully informed choice.

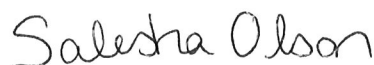
I know that with my first child, I was blindly following a vaccination schedule without respect to my child's individuality, without knowledge of the risks, without questioning anything that our medical provider said. I'm fully aware now that our children and grandchildren deserve better.

No medical advice should be followed without first knowing the possible risks. Any surgery, prescription, or recommendation from a medical professional comes with clear information about the risks involved, EXCEPT vaccines. It is also highly important that pregnant women be given accurate information about vaccines, including the fact that no vaccine trials are done with pregnant women (because it would be unethical) yet many providers recommend an influenza shot during pregnancy without knowing the possible risks to the unborn child.

The 1 page colored sheet that a doctor/nurse gives to a parent right before a vaccine injection is NOT informed consent. As a matter of fact, I have compared the information sheet of a particular vaccine to the vaccine package insert and found that they contradict each other. Informed consent must include the right to read the manufacturer's package insert and the vaccination risks contained therein.

Lastly, if any person or parent, decides against receiving a vaccine, they should be given the right to an exemption and that option should be well-known and easily accessible.

I sincerely ask that you recommend a DO PASS on HB 1468 as originally written with no amendments.



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