

The idea that autism is caused by vaccines has been proven again and again by scientific studies. This information is widely and easily available.

More importantly, the diseases that we vaccinate against are deadly. A world without vaccines is a world with a lower childhood survival rate. It is irresponsible to chase after imaginary risks when doing so introduces real ones.

This bill assumes that it is better to be dead than to be autistic. As a teacher who works with many autistic teenagers, I can assure you this is not the case. Many people with autism contribute their community in valuable ways. Autistic people are responsible for many of the advances in society, and our world would be poorer without them. Even those individuals who are not able to contribute in tangible ways deserve to live, because every human being has worth. This bill is ableist.