

I beg you to vote “DO PASS” for this legislation.

It is very important to me that I have freedom to choose for myself and my family whether we take part in the controversial use of vaccinations. **The ability to have choice in regards to vaccines has affected where we live, where we work, and how we teach our kids.**

I am fully aware of the risks of vaccinating and the shortcuts that have been taken in creating these biologics. I understand that some people think they are safe, believe that their health provider has thoroughly researched them, and that if there were issues of safety that the manufacturers would quickly make the necessary changes to make them safe. These are unfortunately all false beliefs.

With biologics, otherwise called vaccines, the health provider gives the vaccine and then sometimes supplies a brief information sheet saying how “safe and effective” it is. I hear of no one being told of the side effects, allergies, and contraindications. If you have a question if the vaccine may be worse than what it treats, you are accused of being anti-vaccine. Some recipients are aware that vaccines cause injuries and that the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has awarded over \$4 billion dollars in funds due to injury (representing a tiny fraction of those that apply, as most cannot afford to fight or miss the window of submitting a claim because of not receiving informed consent). But most people are told incorrectly that any adverse reaction is “normal” and expected, even a “good sign” that it is working. We know that health providers report less than 1% of adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) so they are not admitting the adverse events or they are not informed themselves enough to identify them. It is this same passive reporting system charged with determining if the vaccines are dangerous or causing too many injuries. This broken system has led to years of injuries before a vaccine is removed from use. A vaccine, once injected, cannot be “stopped” like a medication, so it is even more vital that informed consent be provided. Pharmaceutical companies are not held liable for any injuries or deaths resulting from their use. Neither is the health provider who did or did not offer informed consent before it was given.

I understand the common view that “vaccines are safe and effective.” In fact, I’m sure that you will hear pediatrician testimony claiming that as fact. This however is not fact.

Because governmental agencies both sell vaccines and choose which ones to add to the schedule, they are hardly unbiased in their research and recommendations. Health providers are fed this research and told not to question the “science.”

Because they are biologics, they are not required to be studied for years and against inert placebos.

Because there is no liability, no one is to blame or helps to cover medical and lifelong living costs due to injury.

Because they are accepted by most health providers as safe, adverse events are excused and injuries go unreported.

Because they are “required”, people don’t even know that they have a choice and don’t know there are exemptions.

We need to ensure we are leaving the decision to vaccinate or not to vaccinate up to the ones who will be left responsible.

We need to give informed consent so that health decisions can be made, not forced.

We need to allow people to make their own risk vs benefit analysis after being informed, not pressured.

Please pass this bill to show your support for protecting our most basic right, the right for health freedom.

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