

I am writing to provide my strong support for HB 1468 and recommend a Do PASS.

I strongly believe that informed consent is very important when making health care decisions for yourself and your children. Informed consent is to be neutral and to provide all the risks and benefits for a person to consider and weigh prior to making a decision.

Recently, I have become more informed about the history of vaccines, ingredients in vaccines, injuries occurring due to vaccines, the pressures medical providers face to support and not question vaccine safety, and the blatant censorship surrounding vaccine hesitancy. I began researching this more in depth after my son had a significant negative reaction following an immunization. When I called my provider back to report the severe reaction and to ask more questions regarding side effects, my provider discounted that the immunization was responsible and felt it was more coincidental. The provider then urged me to make an appointment for the 2nd immunization to complete the series. My health care provider was not forthcoming about the extensive history to vaccine injuries from this particular immunization. I felt great pressure to comply with the immunization schedule and there was never any mention of my choice to decline or how to access an exemption form.

Vaccine hesitancy is a normal response when someone is given proper informed consent. It is important to really weight the risks and benefits and have no outside pressure to conform. Isn't it odd that we need to create a bill to ensure that government officials, health care providers, and employers provide information about potential risks and make the public aware of their choice to be exempt? By not openly providing this information it feels more like a hidden agenda to have people conform to pre-set norms.

This bill is allowing true informed consent to occur, and I strongly recommend you DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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