

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and committee members.

My name is Brodi Alt and I'm writing to you in support of House Bill No. 1468.

This bill is important to me because informed consent is the backbone of ethics in medicine. As a Registered Nurse of 6.5 years, I have administered many vaccinations. Along with administering vaccinations, I provided patients the Vaccine Information Statement, known as the VIS, which you have a sample of in front of you. This single sheet of paper includes a small amount of information pertaining to the vaccine, including possible reactions. Although this short list is factual, it is not all-inclusive. Patients need to be fully aware of adverse reaction should they occur, which are laid out for full review in the package insert and include conditions like diabetes, seizures, paralysis, eczema, food allergies, death - the list goes on and on. *These* are the adverse reactions patients need to be aware of.

I'd like to draw your attention to section 13.1, which is highlighted for you in blue. This section in every insert states that said vaccine has not been evaluated for its carcinogenic or mutagenic potential or its potential to impair fertility. In other words, it is unknown whether the vaccine can cause cancer, induce mutations, or impair fertility. This information is not disclosed on the VIS sheet. I ask that you take a look at the difference in information presented in the two documents and decide for yourself which information you would appreciate knowing before consenting.

Why in my 4 years of education, did I spend so little time learning about vaccinations? I spent countless hours having to memorize and understand potential side effects of all classes of medications and procedures, in preparation to properly educate my patients. Educating patients is a critical part of my job, yet I walked away with my Bachelors of Science in Nursing knowing nothing about vaccine reactions.

Nursing is known as the most trusted profession, which I deeply value and makes me proud of what I do. Although I have educated myself on vaccine adverse effects, I am one of the few. Because of this, the package insert should be presented to the patient for full disclosure. Patients deserve more information than what they are provided. And they deserve to be informed *before* consenting.

Thank you for your time.

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