

I am writing to express my opposition to proposed changes to the state vaccine exemptions in House Bill 1469. As a parent of young school age children, I find myself in the position of having to fight harder and harder for medical freedom and the ability to make medical choices for myself and my family without interference from the government. All medical decisions should be a discussion between our Doctor and our family. Not between our Doctor, our family, and the state of ND. And our decisions should be respected, regardless of whether a family fully vaccinates on schedule, uses a delayed schedule, or chooses not to vaccinate at all. Once the state puts itself in the position of removing medical freedom from its constituents, you are no longer in the position of being our representatives, you have now made yourselves our dictators.

The fight against medical freedom is something we should all be concerned about. Medical freedom is the right to true informed consent. Receiving full knowledge of risks and benefits and the ability to participate or decline without being bullied, manipulated, or coerced. And make no mistake, not allowing children to participate in society, (ie, schools, daycare, head start, etc.) without first having a medical procedure done is coercion, not informed consent.

If your decision is to force parents and guardians to take a class in order to be able to decline vaccines, I think you will discover that the reality is we are probably more informed than you would like us to be. Nothing is more important to me than the health and wellbeing of my children and I have spent countless hours researching what will keep them safe. The ongoing narrative is how safe and effective vaccines are, but the reality is, unlike all other pharmaceutical medications, vaccines have never gone through inert placebo safety studies. And the “tracking” done to watch for adverse reactions was so minimal that it is ridiculous. A matter of days, is not enough time to find long term side effects.

Target Disease	Product Name (Manufacturer)	Duration of Safety Review After Injection	
		Solicited Reactions	Unsolicited Reactions
Hepatitis B	Recombivax HB (Merck) ¹¹⁸	5 days	5 days
	Engerix-B (GSK) ¹¹⁹	4 days	4 days
Hib	ActHIB (Sanofi) ¹²⁰	3 days	30 days
	PedvaxHIB (Merck) ¹²¹	3 days	3 days
	Hiberix (GSK) ¹²²	4 days	31 days
DTaP	Infanrix (GSK) ¹²³	8 days	28 days
	Daptacel (Sanofi) ¹²⁴	14 days	6 months
Poliovirus	Ipol (Sanofi) ¹²⁵	3 days	3 days
Pneumococcal	Prevnar 13 (Wyeth) ¹²⁶	7 days	6 months
Combination Vaccines	Pediarix (GSK) ¹²⁷	8 days	30 days + phone call at 6 months
	Pentacel (Sanofi) ¹²⁸	7 days	60 days + phone call at 6 months

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Logically with all the advancements in medicine one would conclude that our children should be getting healthier. Speak with any teacher, doctor, parent, or anyone that works with children and you will know that is not the case. Our children’s mental and physical health is on a steep decline. Our youth are plagued with allergies, autoimmune disorders, and learning disabilities amongst other problems. A staggering 54.1% of our nation’s children now suffer from 1 of 20 different chronic health conditions. Is this only a problem because of vaccines? No, we live in a toxic world with many variables, but are we really going to rule out a product that most children are injected with even though the scientific studies have never been done? Are you going to bank your children’s or grandchildren’s health on the say so of the pharmaceutical companies

who stands to make billions of dollars from vaccines? Are you willing to bank my children's health on a complete lack of data? And more to the point, why do you think you should have any say in the medical decisions of my family?

But the chances of having a problem are only one in a million, right? Unfortunately, that is simply not the case, but don't take my word for it, take the word of Harvard Medical School. The Federal Agency for Health Care Research (AHCR) and the US Department of Health and Human Services commissioned Harvard Medical School to do a study and create an automated system for reporting adverse reactions to vaccines. They were given \$995,000 to create such a system and they did. And what were their findings? Less than 1% of adverse reactions were reported. During the study, there was on average 1.3 adverse events per clinician per month. Way more than one in a million. This is big news, right? Except after they sent their findings to the CDC, Harvard was completely ignored and they never heard back from the CDC again. Something doesn't seem right there, does it?

<https://digital.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>

The bottom line is, if you are going to create an online class for families to complete before they can refuse vaccinations for their children, make sure you include all the facts not just the ones approved by organizations that get much of their funding from pharmaceutical companies. True informed consent means knowing the risks and benefits without fear of being bullied, manipulated, or coerced. Where there is risk, conflict of interest, profits to be made, no inert placebo studies, no safety follow through, and a rise in disease, there must be choice.

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