

Hello, I am the mother of four children. My three oldest have autoimmune disorders that are known side effects of multiple vaccines and were fully vaccinated up to ages 9, 4 and 2. Our youngest has not yet been vaccinated and does not have any health issues at all. I have always been a very healthy person and followed every recommendation of my doctors prior to conceiving, while pregnant and while breastfeeding all of my children. My oldest child has had 6 surgeries as a result of one of his autoimmune disorders. My 2nd child has had 4 surgeries and is so ill that we must homeschool to protect his health. My 3rd child has an extremely limited choice of foods that he can eat because of the pain caused by his autoimmune disorder. Again, each of their autoimmune disorders are listed as possible side effects due to vaccination on the package inserts that I was never once shown. When attempting to vaccinate my 4th child at a slower rate than the recommended schedule, we were met with extreme resistance. We were told that the only way we would be allowed to comply was to follow the exact same path that we had previously trod three times over. We chose not to vaccinate our 4th child because we were very tired of life-threatening fevers, hallucinations, loss of communication abilities, and seizures from age 6 months to age 9. We were also tired of being told that these things were entirely normal and being ridiculed by clinic and ER staff for our concern for the health of our children. After many years of healing, our children are better and their autoimmune disorders are mostly under control. As such, we are unlikely to find a physician who will risk their medical license, their medical practice insurance and ability to feed their own children to sign a statement that a vaccination would definitively endanger the life or health of them. We are even more unlikely to be able to get such a written statement for our youngest.

House Bill 1469 categorically denies the reality of the pain that we have lived through. It creates further isolation and irrational fear for families who have discovered that vaccines do indeed cause harm. It sentences untold scores of other children and families to the same fate. It is thoroughly unconscionable that our representatives would see themselves as so all knowing and all powerful as to remove the ability of a parent to make medical choices for their child. You are not the parent of my children and you do not know how difficult their lives are due to living with autoimmune disorders that are recognized side effects of vaccination. The hypocritical oath, requires that all doctors follow the mantra, "Do no harm." Through the action of HB 1469, you will be taking the choice not only away from parents but also away from doctors who specialize in caring for children. You set up a standard where a social worker, a criminal justice major, a fire fighter and economist, a realtor, a retired sociologist and an attorney who have never met my children, have never read their medical files, nor consulted with their pediatrician have more say over what is injected into their bodies than either their parents or their doctor do.