

Re: HB 1469 Testimony Human Services Committee  
January 25, 2021 2:30 p.m.

Good afternoon, Chairman Weisz and members of the Human Services Committee. I am writing to testify to my opposition to HB 1469. I take my children's health very seriously and I have studied vaccines to a great extent. I studied my birth options when I was pregnant and I thoroughly look into many health aspects of my children's health from food to the type of medical care they get. I have a college degree and my husband is a Doctor. That in know way shape or form means people without an education are incapable of researching on their own as well. I believe if you would actually sit down with parents who have decided against vaccination or have an altered schedule you would actually find they have spent many hours researching vaccines and weighing out the pros and the cons of making such an important decision. VAERS is set up by the government to report vaccine injuries. Are you at all familiar with this? The government has paid out over \$4 billion to families for vaccine injuries caused to someone in their family. It is not the governments role to decide what education they want me to have to make these important decisions for my children. A one-sided propaganda video is not going to change the minds of people who already spend hours and hours of time researching to make their decision. We as parents know what is best for our children and this bill would undermine our parenting rights. I urge you to vote no on HB 1469.

Sincerely,

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