

Thank you for taking the time to read this statement. Our daughter (now age 6) started her vaccinations on the standard schedule. However when she was 3.5 years of age we learned that Jordan had a very serious genetic mutation (COL12A1 myopathic EDS) as well as a very rare form of autoimmune vasculitis (Behçet's disease). Ella was then tested and confirmed to have inherited Myopathic Ehlers Danlos Syndrome. They were then the 15th and 16th people in the world to be diagnosed with m-eds that their geneticist was aware of. Currently there is no known test for Behçet's Disease or markers for the disease. With both of these diseases being so rare there is VERY little research. For this reason we chose to postpone finishing Ella's vaccinations until we had more information. Then Jordan began Immune suppressive therapy and we were told she should not be around children who received vaccinations within the last two weeks. Taking away the exemption options could have huge consequences for us. We do not know the risk vaccines pose for someone with this genetic compromise. We believe it goes against the most important American freedom of choosing what is best for your child, and protecting your child. Please protect the rights of parents. Finally, our child goes to a rural Title 1 school. Jordan is on the PTS, we both volunteer at the school, and Jordan recently took a college level class on grant writing for the school. If this bill passes we will pull our child from public school and sadly our resources and contributions.

Sincerely,
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