

This is my testimony:

Dear committee, and everyone at the hearing for House Bill 3063,

I would like to suggest that this measure of taking away parental medical rights and freedoms is unnecessary at this time, and could instead result in harm.

It is not right for something such as medical treatment, which is known to have possibly lifelong health repercussions, to be required to such an extreme measure. The decision to vaccinate is an important one, and I believe the final vote should ultimately remain in the hands of the parents.

If you believe that all children should get vaccinated, please, please, try to think of other, not as extreme, ways to go about this.

My family has had most of their vaccinations, but there are a couple that I have declined for myself and my children. The ones I have declined, I value to the extent of a religious belief. If these vaccinations were forced on me and my children, it would be a REAL ethical and conscience dilemma for me. I would consider moving to another state.

Please don't do this to the families in your state, and country. Please continue to think of other ways, that are maybe not as extreme, to do this. This is such a crucial vote, because it could take away the voice, the vote, the choice, of parents for medical decisions for their children. Please do not make this choice. Don't ignore the parental voice.

Thank you.

-Chelsea Olson