To the committee considering HB 2220

Why am I always here to testify against vaccine bills? I am one of a growing number of people who have vaccine injuries in their families. My mother suffered what is known as Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration, also called SIRVA. This is the fastest growing compensated injury on the HHS table of vaccine injuries. Improper administration seems to be the cause and there is no mechanism in place to find and correct those practitioners who are responsible.

My mom's arm became partially paralyzed shortly after receiving a Flu shot. She suffered shooting nerve pain for 8 years before her death. She sought help from 6 doctors none of whom knew what was wrong with her arm. It wasn't until I personally reviewed her records that we realized this was the likely answer. It was too late by then to file a VAERS report or apply for compensation. Mandatory reporting is essential to accurate data, but if doctors don't know a well-established injury is it reasonable to think Dentists will? It was stated by our public Health officials in a recent hearing that the package inserts are too difficult for even doctors to understand. There are many complicating medical conditions and contraindications for vaccines. Also, according to HHs there is no specific certification needed for vaccine administration, but is dictated by the medical board of the state. With the ability of children as young as 15 it is essential to notify parents that vaccines may be administered at a dental appointment. Children often don't fully understand or know their medical history.

I am concerned about many friends who report that they are being dropped from medical practices if they decline even one vaccine. I understand that Doctors and now Dentists want to maximize their income potential and that they are influenced by Pubic health agencies to become an arm of that governmental body. But traditionally they are primarily responsible to their individual patient and such as we are seeing now that relationship is being disrupted by financial incentives and outside pressures. We must avoid creating medical segregation based on conformity to vaccine compliance. I recently spoke to the Surgeon General for about 20 minutes. He was concerned about social isolation as a public health threat.

It seems to me increasing uptake or herd immunity is the goal, but with waning immunity and vaccines having been added to the recommendation's adults are by far the largest unvaccinated population. Requiring all public employees and those who administer vaccines to get all vaccines required for children would be the best route. By allowing exemptions for all you can accommodate those with religious or philosophical objections including those such as Ethical Vegans who may not want animal products to be injected and those who don't want to partake in products using aborted fetal DNA fragments and still promote maximum uptake.

I oppose HB2220

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