

Dear Committee,

My name is Tanya Bae from Portland, Oregon. I am concerned about the recent discussions in regards to vaccines and the threats to take away informed consent, parental rights, medical freedom, education rights, freedom of religion and freedom of speech. I am in shock about what is being threatened suddenly across the nation.

Please consider that this group of vaccine hesitant is like the canaries in the coal mine. The first warning signal that things are not right for everyone with the vaccines. Parents have a strong instinct about their children as I am sure you have experienced if you are a parent. I am sure there has been a time as a parent that you just had a feeling about something not being right and you decided to do something against the grain based on that instinct. For people who are vaccine hesitant, we have experienced that instinct. Since the pharmaceutical and government have not tried to find answers on vulnerable populations and risk factors, we have sought out additional sources. This does not make those other sources invalid or fake science. Those other sources are scientists, geneticists, toxicologists, etc who have real, valid, detailed, peer reviewed scientific studies. Or they are doctors and nurses who have been open minded and see some families have a different experience than others after vaccines. So much so that they begin to see a pattern. We have been asking for so long for more studies that can help us to determine those vulnerable populations and then support those vulnerable with medical exemptions. We are shut down every time and not believed.

Those who do not believe us say to read the CDC and FDA websites. We do read it, in great detail. In fact, the CDC page on safety refers us to a study on safety and summarizes with a statement that vaccines are safe and effective. However, when I click on that study and read it, it clearly says it cannot answer the question of safety, cannot prove or disprove causality for most things due to inadequate information, and cannot determine which populations might be vulnerable. Can you see why we might be hesitant when the CDC's own study does not support its own statement? Please go to the CDC website about safety of vaccines to review for yourself. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/research/iomreports/index.html> (See the bottom of this CDC web page and click on the safety report attached.) Read the study or at least read Chapter 1, Chapter 2 and Concluding Comments. The authors are very clear about the limitations of the study and the it's purpose even though CDC says just before the link that it is very clear that the study has found safety.

There is a community of people with similar experiences regarding vaccines. We are mostly well-educated, middle-class families, involved in our community and government. We know how to read and understand proper scientific studies. Some of us do vaccines at a slower pace, some are selective on which ones, some do all but are still concerned about informed consent, medical freedom, and parental rights. We have taken the time to carefully review the full vaccine inserts. (Please read some here: <https://www.fda.gov/biologicsbloodvaccines/vaccines/approvedproducts/ucm093833.htm>) We have read everything on the CDC websites, including their own links to studies that do not support their own statements (one example above). We have learned how the pharmaceutical

companies do their studies on vaccines to determine safety. Unfortunately, they do not follow the gold standard of double-blind studies with an inert placebo. They continue to compare one vaccine to another vaccine or to an injection without the virus but still contains all the concerning ingredients. No other drug is allowed through the FDA approval process in this way. Have you watched a hearing where they approve new vaccines? It is scary. We are not just uneducated people who don't understand science and who don't believe in climate change, like some have suggested. We are not trying to endanger anyone else as some have suggested. Just like the group of immune compromised, we equally have a group of people who are vulnerable to life time injury or death from vaccines and didn't ask to be.

People say that if we do the school mandated vaccine schedule that this will protect the immune compromised and allow them to go to school. However, there are numerous other viruses and colds that would put them in danger at school and in the community. There are vaccines that are not required for school and there are illness that don't have vaccines. There is also waning immunity after a vaccine or those where the vaccines did not activate the antibodies in the first place. So the immune compromised are still vulnerable and at risk at school and in the community. Due to the high pressures of school education requirements and lack of childcare for families, kids are sent to school even when they are very ill which is dangerous to the immune compromised.

All we have asked is that neutral studies are done. Everyone can see there is so much corruption in pharmaceutical companies. Why is it so strongly believed that it is impossible that the vaccine manufacturers would never do anything wrong. They are the same companies who are being charged with fraud. If it was completely safe then it wouldn't have to be protected from liability or ease its process through the FDA. No other medication or medical intervention is protected this way. Pharmaceutical companies are often involved in fraud cases, including kickbacks, GMP violations, off-label marketing, price frauds, monopoly practices, etc. There are so many pharmaceutical lobbyists influencing representatives and pharmaceutical company donations to representatives. Yet we are asked to trust them blindly with no concern for individual medical history that might make someone vulnerable.

Now information with concerns about vaccines are being censored. Social media, books and videos are being banned. In fact, Congressman Adam Schiff has sent letters to Facebook, Google and Amazon using his power to influence them to remove anything that has concerns about vaccines and they are doing it! Isn't this against the law? Imagine if those in power decided to use their influence to remove anything that proves or discusses concerns about climate change. Or anything else in history that became a concern after it was first reported as safe, such as cigarettes and opioids. Or what if information about different choices of birth control or abortion were taken away by those in power.

Please consider parental rights, medical freedom, informed consent, education rights, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech. Please consider that there is a vulnerable population that is being ignored, blamed, and bullied because we have questions about safety that cannot be denied if you really take the time to look.

Thank you for your consideration.
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