

To all it concerns,

I am writing to express my support for HB 2094 which allows for conscientious objection to vaccines.

I am the mother of 4 adopted children. The health and well being of my children is an extremely high priority for my husband and me. The first of our children had reactions to some vaccines, and having done some reading at that point about certain vaccines, I was disturbed that we were forced to vaccinate our children at birth simply because they were adopted. I am not saying I would have chosen not to, I would have no doubt studied the options with more purpose if I'd had the choice. This felt like an infringement on our right to choose the option we felt best for our family given the information available, to raise a healthy family.

It seems more and more that pharmaceutical companies want to tell us what our growing children need and since money is power, it is frightening when I see the campaigns out there trying to convince the public through emotional advertising, that vaccinating our children for the flu, or young girls for cervical cancer, or whatever it may be, is the only responsible course of action. I strongly disagree. Trying to prevent every disease with possibly dangerous vaccines, cannot replace making choices for healthy living that can make our bodies stronger in a real way.

This decision belongs to families and individuals.

Thank you,
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