

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Chairman Huebert,

I write to you regarding my concerns for mandates regarding vaccinations.

I speak first as a mother of two and second as a nurse (RN, BSN) who was a school nurse for eight years. Let me initially state that my children are vaccinated. However, had I done my research and listened to my gut when they were born I never would have allowed it. I thank God every day that they seem to be uninjured and I pray every day that they remain so.

I am concerned about the overreach of government in mandating new vaccines for public school. No government should have the right to force a person or a parent to inject an untested substance into themselves or their children. It is the most basic of human rights to have control over your own body or as a parent, making those decisions for your child. The complete lack of scientific studies and the sheer amount of vaccinations required is concerning to say the least. Let each parent make their own decision.

As a school nurse I can only speak to the fact the the numbers of sick children increased every year. The number of autistic, ADHD, asthma, autoimmune disorders, and other diseases increased every year. I gave numerous drugs to numerous children every day. Our children should not be this sick and yet nobody is trying to find the answer unless it is give them another drug or another vaccination. I will say, the children in my district who were unvaccinated had none of these issues and were rarely ill.

I am for this bill. It should not be up to just one person to arbitrarily add vaccines to the schedule. We all need a voice.

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