

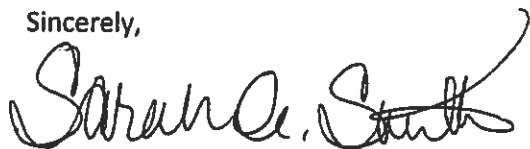
Dear Distinguished Members of the Education Reform Committee,

My name is Sarah and I have a son name Landon who was born with a rare liver disease in 2008. After many medications and a surgery at age 2, Landon was listed for a full liver transplant by age 7. It has now been 2 years, he's doing wonderful, however, he lives everyday with an immune suppressed system. It's a blessing he was able to get all of his vaccines as a small child. If he wasn't able to get those I'm sure we'd be homeschooling as more and more families are against vaccines. Landon is still at risk daily by these families that won't vaccinate. It's a constant worry to me as it's my number one priority to keep him safe. Keeping him healthy falls under that term.

I cannot control what other families believe in; decide to do or not to do. But I can voice my concern to the powers that be about how scary it is to send him to school every day with a hope and prayer that he's not going to be exposed to some devastating disease. I also fear any of his peers contract something that will debilitate and hospitalize these little children.

Any knowledge and/or guideline to help prevent this are extremely important for our community. I believe in vaccines, I believe in the immunization waiver, and I believe in counseling families on the dangers of not vaccinating our future community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah A. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Sarah A Smith