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Subject: Public comment for support of HB4425 and HB4426

Dear Honorable Representatives,

Please support HB4425 and HB4426, the health department rules promulgated in 2015 are unjust and conflict with the statute.

The mandatory HD session is not an education. I was actually looking forward to learning about which diseases were the most serious and which vaccines would be the most beneficial. I learned nothing. It was the same propaganda. The benefits of vaccines and the risks of not vaccinating. All you say is vaccines are safe and effective and the best discovery in medicine. Well, I knew there were risks, which is why I delayed and selectively vaccinated, but I learned absolutely zero about the risks. This is not an education session at all. And the fact that the rule conflicts with the statute we have had in Michigan for 30 plus years that allowed parents to exempt a child from one or more vaccines is government overreach. Also, why would a parent need to go every year from birth to kg, and 7th grade for EACH child. That is 7-8 times per child if you send your baby to daycare and they are not up to date on 17 doses of 17 vaccines by the time they get to their 7th grade boosters. Is this really about patient education? No, because it is not true informed consent. If it were, the nurses would review the package insert and go over the risks (and there are plenty of serious risks for each vaccine) . Also, why would a parent have to go more than once? This is simply punitive and a tactic to coerce parents into getting every vaccine on time. Parents who selectively vaccinate, delay or don't vaccinate have come to this conclusion after extensive research and consultations with TRUSTED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO ACTUALLY KNOW THEIR FAMILY HISTORY and their child, not a HD employee who knows nothing about your family. If they truly cared about educating the public, it would not be a biased session, it would provide true informed consent, and would not require more than one visit or possibly allow for an optional session if the parent and Doctor feel like the parent needs more time that the doctor can not provide.

The second bill is to protect the unvaccinated in the event of a NON EMERGENT outbreak. It is well known that vaccinated people can contract the disease they are vaccinated for. Vaccines are not 100% effective and immunity wanes within 2-10 years. Therefore, anyone who is exposed to a disease could be at risk, yet only the unvaccinated healthy students are excluded. How is that not discrimination. A recent case of mumps occurred in a vaccinated student and 3 unvaccinated students were excluded for a minimum of 21 days, even though clearly patient zero was fully vaccinated so if he caught it, surely the other vaccinated kids were at risk. And when you talk about the Immunocompromised, you have to realize that these students are exposed to strep throat, the common cold, stomach flu, MRSA, roseolla, hand foot mouth disease, and hundreds of other diseases for which there are no vaccines. Also, federal law allows students to attend school with HIV or hepatitis B infection, but not students that haven't been vaccinated with hep B.

So, the rules are not about keeping kids healthy, or limiting the spread of infection, they are about boosting vaccination rates. If there is a chicken pox or measles outbreak, the unvaccinated are excluded, but if they get the vaccine, they can return to school. How long do you think it takes for an immune response to mount and for the vaccine to take effect? Clearly more than a day, and probably a few weeks, but get your kid vaccinated and that is your ticket to return to school. Also, did you know that live virus vaccines such as MMR, varicella, Rotovirus, hep A can shed and spread disease for up to six weeks in the recently vaccinated? Just read John Hopkins or St Jude's about keeping recently vaccinated individuals away from Chemo patients. So you see, it's all about discrimination based on vaccination status to make it harder for parents to exercise informed consent, parental choice and the constitutional right for an education for their children.

Sincerely, Betty Gusho.

Sent from my iPad