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Re: HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

My name is Jennifer McCann and I am the mother of 9 happy, healthy living children. I am also a mother of my precious little angel in heaven. My Katherine was a healthy 5 month old baby. Never any health problems. My husband was somewhat anti vax. He was deployed and I as an ignorant mother took her into to catch up all of her vaccinations. About a week later I went to wake my sweet girl up because she had been sleeping to long. When I went to her it was a mother's absolute worst nightmare. My Katie was wrapped in her blanket so tightly and when I unwrapped her she was limp and colorless. The ambulance rushed her to the hospital but unfortunately there was nothing they could do. I had lost my child, my Healthy bright eyed baby was just gone. The medical examiner ruled it unknown causes. What does that even mean?? No sids, no answers! Then it hit me. She had been vaccinated. With the research I started it was very clear to me that she had a major seizure that caused her to twist up in her blanket. That was the last vaccination I have ever given a child. Katie would be 22 on feb 18, so it seems as though it is perfect timing for my story to be shared. May Katie R.I.P.

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