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Re: HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

I want to urge you to stand in support of HB2601. There are multiple reasons why but most of all I believe that we should have a choice of what goes into our bodies. Vaccine companies hold no liability for the risks associated with their products. Vaccines are the only form of medicine that hold no liability. Medicine is not a one size fits all deal. Some people tend to have more severe side effects than others, and sometimes people lose their lives. Vaccine injury and death is not one in a million.

When there is a risk, there must be a choice.

When I was 7 months pregnant, I received a vaccine. In turn, I became so ill that I was hospitalized for 5 days. The nurses told me they were quite surprised that I was not brought in by ambulance, or that I was even up walking around.

During those 5 days, doctors decided to induce me because there was something wrong. My daughter was born with 101.1 temperature, needed oxygen, and was sent to the NICU for 11 days. For a couple of days it was pretty grim, and I was terrified. I was also so sick that I wasn't allowed to go up to the NICU until doctors confirmed I wouldn't be contagious. My daughter was born with sepsis because I had become so ill from my vaccination. We both could have died.

She then received the MMR vaccine when due years later. At that point she developed Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome. She would sometimes spend up to 10 hours throwing up. She would wake up at 2 or 3 in the morning, and continue to vomit every 10 minutes for up to 10 hours a day. She wasn't able to even hold water down. We did years and years of G.I appointments at Children's Mercy, and she finally had an endoscope done. That is a procedure where they put you under and remove a piece of your stomach for testing. One of the many doctors I talked to said that she more than likely had the vaccine strain of measles in her intestines. She had also become severely intolerant to dairy products from the damage to her stomach after all of this.

Please consider my daughter's story and support the passing of HB2601.

Thank you for your time,

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