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Re: HB 2601

Dear Education Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 2601. There are 2 incidents which happened in the last few years which have inspired me to research vaccines. A longtime friend of mine has a grandson who is vaccine injured. At the age of 18 months he received 3 injections on the same day. He was very ill for a week and when the illness ended he was autistic. He had been a healthy child prior to the shots and was developing normally in his speech and communication abilities. After the injections he was unable to communicate and was diagnosed with autism. He is 10 years old now and although he has improved gradually he will suffer the rest of his life with autism. His family still vaccinates their other children but they only do 1 injection at a time and spread them out with time to recover between each vaccination.

The other incident involved my niece who suffered an unexplained seizure following a influenza vaccination.

I would like to voice my support for House Bill 2601 because I believe that parents should have the right to decide whether or not to vaccinate their children.

Sincerely, Rachel Waddle Osawatomie, Kansas