

Good morning, Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Miranda Wagner and along with my husband and three children, we live in Minnetonka. Before we started our family, our mission was to find a community that we would feel safe in and support our children. Education is of the utmost importance to us, alongside our faith, and we were excited to settle down in such a strong community that reflected our same values.

I am writing to you today to encourage you to oppose SF610 (HF367). The first and foremost reason is that as a parent, I need to remain the decision maker for my children. It is up to my husband and myself to have the important and sometimes hard conversations on what is best for our unique and individual children. We are educated, we are responsible, we are accountable. It is up to us, and only us.

SF610 (HF367) is a stepping stone in mandating health care, a direct attack on our personal freedoms granted to us by the Constitution. If this Bill is passed, daycares will be allowed to discriminate against families based on their healthcare decisions. I am not anti-vaccine, my first child is almost fully vaccinated according to the rigorous CDC schedule, however we found that that schedule is more than his body can handle. After receiving three immunizations at one "well" visit, his body was covered with eczema. My child was red, bleeding, and constantly battling infections. I fight to this day to heal his body and he has permanent damage to his face from steroid creams and infection. Also, he is allergic to eggs, which is included in the flu vaccine and before the age of 18 he would have been required to have 22 doses. Although my child has an allergy and an extreme reaction, he would not be eligible for a medical exemption, his reaction was not bad enough. I refuse to sacrifice my child. I now have three children, one in daycare and I make decisions based on our genetic disposition to reactions and the inability to get medical exemptions.

I would love to meet with you or have a phone conversation about SF1520. I will be attending the Freedom Rally next week to let my elected officials know that this topic is important to my family and me. Those of us fighting for health freedom will continue reaching out to you to foster thoughtful and respectful conversations.

Thank you for your time, thank you for your service, and thank you for future dialogue regarding mandatory health care in Minnesota.

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