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My name is Nathan Patry and I am writing to ask you to please support HB 2094 for a Conscientious Exemption to state-mandated vaccinations.

My wife's sister had a severe reaction to the DPT vaccination as an infant, and a fatal reaction to her MMR vaccination at the age of 11. These reactions were validated by her doctors and she was compensated during her lifetime by the federal vaccine compensation fund. My wife and I have had to agonize over the decision of how and when to immunize our children, since we have seen the risks of vaccination up close. We have carefully researched the issue and want to make informed decisions for our children about what is best for them. However, without a conscientious exemption to immunization, we may not be able to freely make this decision for our children. I believe that each parent should have the right to informed consent for medical care and to make medical decisions for their children, including how and when to immunize their children. Many parents will use their informed consent to immunize their children as is recommended. Please follow 19 other states in allowing a conscientious exemption to immunization for those of us who have carefully researched the issue and choose to follow a different course.

Please support HB 2094 and allow parents the right to make informed medical decisions for their children.

Thank you,

Nathan Patry