I am concerned about the increasing autoimmune conditions, chronic diseases, childhood cancer rates, and the infertility rates in young adults. Most of the vaccines have never been evaluated for any mutagenic or carcinogenic effects, or effects on fertility. Doubtless there are many contributing factors to these health problems, but I think the fact that we are injecting know toxins (aluminum, etc.) into our children many, many times without any inert placebo-based safety studies is a concerning place to start.

The childhood vaccine schedule has exploded since liability was taken away from the manufacturers in 1986 by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. The schedule in 1983 included 4 vaccines, with a total of 23 doses, now we give 13 vaccines with a total of 68 doses. There have been no safety tests done on the current schedule, or the cumulative effects of all these vaccines vs. an individual who has never been vaccinated.

The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) recently published an article questioning the effectiveness of the Gardasil vaccine. The lead researcher, Dr. Claire Rees, of Queen Mary University of London, said, "Trials may have overestimated efficacy by combining high-grade cervical disease with low-grade cervical changes that occur more frequently but often resolve spontaneously without progressing. We found insufficient data to clearly conclude that HPV vaccine prevents the higher-grade abnormal cell changes that can eventually develop into cervical cancer." Only .8% of women will even get cervical cancer, and with early detection, the survival rate is 92%. As the RSM has questioned Gardasil's effectiveness, perhaps the HPV vaccine is merely giving a false sense of security, and preventing early detection. The Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC) (which is partially funded by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment, aka. KDHE) has stated that one of their goals is increasing the rates of HPV vaccination series completion to 80%. If the KDHE has the power to add vaccines to the mandatory schedule at will, this will likely be next. I have heard many stories of teens whose lives have been severely altered by the Gardasil vaccine, and I am not comfortable giving it to my child, especially when they are making choices that would essentially make it impossible to develop cervical cancer. This should be something that parents and doctors decide on together evaluating the particular child, particular circumstances, and overall health of the child.

The manufacturers have been exempted from all liability for damages from the vaccines on the childhood schedule. If we mandate vaccines that have the ability to seriously harm our children, the parents/family of the child are the only ones who bear the financial burden of caring for their now injured kids, unless they go through a lengthy (often 5+ year), difficult process to be reimbursed by the taxpayers through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. Is this fair to parents that have done their research and have decided that the risks don't outweigh the benefits for their child? A mandate would force this upon them against their will.

Please support HB 2601.

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