Re: HB 2601 February 11, 2020

Dear Education Committee Members,

I have 4 children. Knowing the doctor's recommendation and that my children would be required to have their vaccinations for school, I trusted that it was the right thing to do when I got them vaccinated.

When my second child was born, I continued with the schedule without question until my world was turned upside down the day after she got her 6month shots. I was terrified when I saw that there was something horribly wrong with my baby girl.

The first signs of her having a reaction started with a fever, and then progressed into lethargy. As a mother, holding my very healthy and happy baby up until that point, watching her eyes stare into nothing, and seeing her face start to turn a scary shade of blue was one of the most horrendous moments of my life. Rushing her to the ER and every moment after is still like a blurred nightmare.

That was the first of 6 days where she would have multiple seizures a day. The medicine they gave her was not helping, and the doctors were very hesitant to admit what was happening to my daughter.

Since we didn't seem to be getting the care we were needing, we drove to a hospital in Denver where we were admitted and given a room within 10 minutes of us arriving in the ER. During our seven day stay there, they ran multiple EEG tests, spent hours observing Lynzee and her seizures, and were (again) hesitant to admit, but did acknowledge it was the vaccines that caused her seizures.

I had no idea that this could be linked to her vaccination appointment the day before and wish I had known all of the facts to make a truly better informed decision. As a mom who experienced vaccine injury in her child and was not given adequate information to help me understand the risks, I support Chairman Huebert's HB 2601, so that we may have more of a voice as to what our state demands for our children's health decisions.

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