

SB355: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations

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**Oppose**

Dear Senator ,

I am writing to request that you vote no on SB 355, which would allow for children 9 years and older to be vaccinated by a pharmacist. The parent, child, pediatrician relationship is important for proper care as children grow.

I am a parent of two children, who are currently 9 and 11 years old. My eleven-year-old daughter has a rare condition called Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome (CVS), which has caused her to be in the hospital for approximately 15-20 days a year for the past four years. She has a complicated medical history and has been through so much. As her parents, my husband and I continue to turn over every stone, trying to help her. The relationship that we have established with her pediatrician has been paramount.

I do not think a bill supporting drive-by medical care for busy parents is necessary or safe. It is critical that parents continue to make time to take their children to the pediatrician. The pediatrician is the one who knows the child's history and is trained to assess a child's health before receiving a vaccination or any medical procedure. Busy pharmacies are not places to administer medical procedures to children.

Please vote no on this bill and preserve the important relationship between children, parents, and pediatricians.

Sincerely,

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