

Dear Delegates,

Thank you for serving our state. I am writing to express my firm **opposition to HB87**, the Access to Vaccines Act. As a concerned parent, I think it is government overreach to remove the parent from any healthcare decisions related to my child. Parents know their children best and should be aware of any medical interventions in order to best protect them.

While I'm sure this is a well-intentioned bill, anytime we remove parents from the medical care of their children, there is potential for harm. Since the below story is local, it's likely you've heard about the Baltimore teen who got a birth control implant put into her arm incorrectly at school. Initially, her mother was not informed, but her daughter began exhibiting symptoms and told her mother in time for her to take her to their family pediatrician, who removed the implant before any serious health consequences occurred.

<https://www.abc15.com/news/national/teen-given-birth-control-implant-at-school-without-parents-permission?fbclid=IwAR3JCIBya8rOJn4P9EOCUVOrUe2kDaZ62nCKsXqDsxdeDqCCRtbEaynHymA>

Separately, around the same time, 16 students in Indiana were sent to the hospital after erroneously being injected with insulin instead of receiving the TB screening that was supposed to take place. Obviously, injecting healthy children without diabetes with insulin can have dangerous consequences.

<https://fox59.com/2019/09/30/more-than-a-dozen-students-sent-to-hospital-after-getting-wrong-shot-at-lawrence-township-school/?fbclid=IwAR08HM1L9ZayCMKKjXJknTfWpkKKSqk06brGNgf6gBNKj2B2WrYR7zd6gz4>

Please vote against this bill that has the potential to harm our children.

Thank you for your time.

Kindly,

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