

Hi, my name is Rhonda Dove and I am a resident of Baltimore Co. I am a Mother to 5 children. I am writing this statement to testify to oppose hb530. Administering vaccines to children is entirely different than administering vaccines to adults. The CDC recommends 72 doses of vaccines for children aged newborn to 18 years; considering a pediatric patient's complete medical history and full vaccination record is crucial to providing both fully informed consent and safe administration of any vaccine on the recommended schedule for children. Pharmacists are not fully trained to acquire and assess the detailed medical history of each child who requests a vaccine; nor do they have adequate time or resources to ensure that the adult accompanying the child is the child's proper guardian and fully aware of both the child's medical history and the potential risks and potential adverse reactions associated with the vaccines recommended for children aged 9-18.

Pharmacists are not equipped nor trained to recognize and respond to an immediate adverse reaction, should one occur immediately following a vaccination. Incidence of adverse reactions such as fainting are particularly high immediately following administration of the Gardasil vaccine, which is given to children in this age range. Again I urge you to not pass hb530. Thank you for your time.