I am opposed to this bill.

I'm a mom of four school-aged kids. I'm writing to ask that you oppose the bill that allows pharmacists to give shots to kids.

It seems like a dangerous thing to ask a pharmacist to do, to carry out regular tasks and add on something as important as childhood vaccines. Pharmacists are already busy doing their jobs (and not always without error as I've been witness to). It is too much to have them multitask the chaos of kids and vaccines along with consulting patients and filling prescriptions.

Besides, there is a benefit to having parents and kids establish a relationship with a doctor who can focus entirely on the kids, can refer to a chart to recall medical history, and can keep from being distracted by other responsibilities and possibly make a mistake.

We have been in virtual school, like most kids. I think of the teachers who are just this week starting simultaneously to teach hybrid and virtual and how exhausting for them to double their responsibility. Education is important, so I'm not delighted that our teachers have this extra load. Health care is all the more important. We should leave the care where it has been, not stretch thin another worker and risk compromising safety in the process.

Thank you for voting no to SB736.

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