

Dear Honorable HGO Member,

My name is Kathy Talbott and I am opposed to HB1040. Please DO NOT pass this bill.

I do not understand the rationale or need for pharmacists to be delivering childhood vaccines. This seems like a short sighted, possibly opportunistic bill, devoid of necessity or thought for the long-term health and safety of children.

- Nobody should be vaccinating children without their full medical records. Pharmacists do not have (nor should they have) access to children's medical records including but not limited to vaccination status or history, allergic reactions, illnesses, family history or any number of other contraindications or potential issues that could arise surrounding vaccination. HIPAA
- Physicians have a comprehensive picture over time of children's health. Pharmacists do not. Children deserve providers with a comprehensive view over time of their whole health, including vaccine status.
- Who will be monitoring and be responsible for the health and well-being of the child after they walk out of the pharmacy? Who will be responsible should something go wrong?
- Will we now be going to the pharmacist for healthcare? Pharmacists have specific training in drugs. They are not trained in patient care, particularly in caring for children. Getting a shot is not comprehensive care. Childhood vaccinations are part of comprehensive healthcare, where the providers and parents work together for the well-being of the child, where conversations and observations over time create a full picture. This is not within the realm or care of a pharmacist. They have no training in this necessary follow up care. Physicians are rightfully the proper providers of childhood vaccinations.
- Pharmacists are not committed to any one place of employment. They generally don't own or partner in their business, (CVS, Walgreens, etc.) hence have no long-term commitment to their clients, our children.
- Childhood vaccinations are not one stop shopping. There are numerous shots on complicated schedules. Getting a schedule of vaccinations is not like buying an ibuprofen, candy or make up. Nor is it like picking up a prescription.
- What about children's right to privacy? HIPAA. Will pharmacies set up separate rooms devoted to vaccination? As an aside, I have rarely been to a pharmacy, even without lines, where I didn't have to wait. Do they have the capability or capacity to add this to their load?

This seems clearly to me to be short sighted, putting our children at potential long-term risk. If there is an issue with parents being unable to get their child to the doctor, that is a much bigger issue. Why pick leaves instead of pull roots? Can you work to fix the bigger problem? Paid time from work. Public transportation. If this is driven by profit for pharmacies, then I would say you care more for profit than ensuring the safety of each child. Personally, as a mom, I am tired of businesses using children as pawns for profit. This happens far too often. If this is an effort to normalize getting vaccines everywhere, to push them at every stop, then every child's well-being is seemingly not the priority. No two children are alike. Treating a child's vaccine safety so lightly is unconscionable.

Please kill this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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