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HB1040 - Please do not let this bill pass out of committee.

My name is Crystal Kijesky and I request you do not let this bill pass out of committee. This bill is not good for families. Pharmacists do not have the background and history of each child and cannot take the time to get to know them.

Children receive their vaccines in a different manner and different schedule than adults. In my family, we have had reactions after vaccines of high fevers and breaking out into hives. These have required follow-up care. The pediatrician always made us a priority when follow-up care was needed after reactions.

I cannot imagine how many missed well-visits will be skipped and screenings for other medical care will be missed. For example- eye-screenings, coordination screening, healthy height/weight growth (growth hormone) , scoliosis, etc. Pharmacists will not have the training nor the time to give fill prescriptions, give vaccines and do wellness screenings on children.

This bill also lowers the age for vaccines to be given at the pharmacy to 3 years old. I remember last year similar bills were introduced with the age of 9 and given unfavorable reviews. Why in the world is this a good bill this year? (Reference last year's bills SB355 and HB 530)

If the true issue is the ability of parents to afford health care, there has to be a way to fix that and not put such a risky option on the table .

Give this an unfavorable vote and do not let it pass.

Respectfully,

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