Dear Senator,

My child had a terrible reaction to dTap. It changed his life. 13 years later he struggles daily, is non-verbal, has seizures and cannot be alone. He requires 24/7 supervision for his safety.

You cannot give this responsibility to a 12 year old minor. Simply put a child is not developed enough nor do they have the proper understanding of personal and family health history. Minors cannot vet the physicians they see. What if they see an inexperienced or unqualified clinician who diagnoses them inappropriately? What if the physician abuses them? We live in an uncertain world and simply can't trust providers without parental supervision. This is irresponsible and dangerous. Please vote no.

Respectfully,

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