

HB1161

Favorable with Amendments

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I thank you for the work you do for the citizens of our state. I ask you to vote favorable with amendments for HB1161. If passed, this bill will protect the lives of young women and men from the harms that are possible from the HPV vaccine. Due to the high quality of healthcare in the United States, women are at very low risk of cervical cancer. I highly encourage you to [research](#) more about the HPV vaccines, its potential harms, the lack of safety data, and unethical tactics used to encourage medical providers to push it on their patients.

I became aware of the harms of the HPV vaccine after a young, healthy, athletic family member was injured by the HPV vaccine. She lost the ability to walk, talk and even sleep for longer than an hour at a time. She experienced constant full-body jerks and tics. None of these injuries were ever disclosed as possible risks prior to her receiving the vaccine. She endured every test imaginable, and doctors had no treatment for her, as each test came back negative. With no diagnosis possible, as insurance companies will not pay out for a diagnosis of vaccine injury, she was given a psycho-somatic diagnosis and told to seek psychiatric help, sending a 14 year-old the invalidating message that her inability to walk, talk and sleep was somehow self-inflicted. ( It was the same gaslighting tactic used in [El Carmen de Bolivar, Columbia when hundreds of girls](#), who had all recently been vaccinated for HPV experienced similar symptoms.) It was not until she started seeing a functional medicine doctor, again something the insurance industry will not pay out for, that she was accurately diagnosed and treated for the underlying cause. This was a traumatic and time-consuming process that has taken years and caused her to miss attending two years of high school.

The power of the pharmaceutical industry has become more evident over the past three years. Without your own inquiry into the HPV vaccine it is not likely you can fully understand the dangers, and magnitude of what the vaccine industry has become. We as a society have been conditioned to accept vaccination as safe and effective without question. As a result, there is nothing I can share with you in this testimony that will convince you of the risks countries all over the world are taking with their young men and women, for a virus that 90% of the time clears within two years with no treatment. I challenge you to question the extent to which you have been conditioned regarding vaccines, and implore you to learn more for the benefit of your constituents.

Here are some facts my research has taught me:

- Cervical cancer is preventable with regular Pap screening
- It is necessary for females to continue with Pap screening even if vaccinated with HPV vaccines because the vaccine only addresses a fraction of the number of HPV strains
- Rates of hpv associated cancers ( cervical, vaginal, anal, penile, throat) have been very low in the US, under 1%, even **prior** to the introduction of HPV vaccines in 2006
- HPV related cancers are typically diagnosed in people over age 50 with other risk factors.
- Adverse events following vaccination can occur weeks even months after vaccination (as they did with my family member)
- In post-licensure safety surveillance, the VAERS reporting rate for Gardasil was 3x greater than that for all other vaccines combined.
- **Females positive for HPV 16/18 who then get HPV vaccines could thereby increase their risk of getting cervical cancer by 44.6%. There is no pre-testing to see who is vulnerable**
- The vaccine contains known neurotoxins like aluminum and has not been tested for interaction with other vaccines given concurrently like COVID 19 vaccines.

I urge you as elected representatives to do the research and inform yourselves, if you aren't already aware, of the power of the pharmaceutical industry in the country. Due to the protection from liability from the [National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act in 1986](#), vaccines are a cash cow with absolutely no risk to their manufacturers.

I ask you to answer one question when faced with a bill such as HB1161; Which side of the argument has the most to gain?

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