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HB1161 – FAVORABLE

I am in favor of proposed bill HB1161 and ask that you give it a favorable report.

The bill, Human Papillomavirus Vaccine – Information and Informed Consent (Christina’s Law), is very personal to me.

I remember the day my pediatrician asked if I wanted my, then 9 year old, daughter vaccinated for HPV. The year was 2014. The vaccine was new. She had been vaccinated following the American Academy of Pediatrics up to this point.

I, asked what was the likelihood of my 9-year-old needing this vaccine and what it would protect her from?

Is the vaccination complete protection?

From all types of the virus?

Were there other cervical cancers not included with the current vaccination?

My pediatrician handed me a basic outline answering the questions, but I found the information lacking. In researching the vaccine, seeing that my non-sexually active 9 year old is very low risk of needing the vaccine. It was not completely going to protect her and I began seeing adverse events and outcomes, including death not being widely reported in the news. This major effect was not stated to me during my daughter’s well visit.

Parents hold the lives of their children in the hands. Every decision, especially whether or not to vaccinate, should be done with complete information given to a parent.

For these reasons, I ask you to please issue a favorable report on **HB1161**.

Sincerely,
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