

SB 18 UNFAV

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Members of the Finance Committee-

Thank you for your time. My name is Jason Herrick and I'm writing in opposition to SB 18. I've never testified on a bill before but when a friend told me about this, I thought- this is insane and I just have to take the time to come say as much here. I myself as an adult have run into a pharmacy for a flu shot but that is totally different than children's vaccines. Any pediatric medical care should be with a pediatric specialist, not done in a 5 minute pharmacy visit in the corner of the store.

I know with my personal health journey-the biggest factor was trust, knowing the physician, and feeling safe in that relationship to ask direct questions and share intimate details about what I'm going through. The pediatrician provides that relationship for parents, to feel safe and empowered and we don't want to accidentally erode that over time by shortcutting the relationships between doctor and family.

This information is everywhere that pharmacies are in crisis mode. Then we're going to add screaming kids to the mix? This makes no sense. SB 18 should stop here.

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