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Dear Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

This letter is in support of HB1422. We are a group of parents of children with autism. Our children were not born with autism. It is clear to us that medical and/or environmental factors negatively impacted our children, who otherwise did not show any signs of autistic characteristics pre-intervention. Many of us have proof of it. Some of these medical procedures have been tested in clinical trials for only five days pre-licensure. As acknowledged by medical experts, this period is not sufficient to determine autoimmune issues or neurological disorders that arise from these interventions. No child should be exposed to such adverse risks and deprived from living the life that they were intended to live to the fullest extent. Families are left with an insurmountable task, monetary expense, and devastation. Had we been fully informed about the risks, we, as parents, would have made a different choice.

We vehemently believe that no children should be required to be subjected to a genetic procedure, the artificial alteration of their genetic constitution, as a condition to access education or other activities in their lives. It has the potential of posing an adverse, maybe even lethal, life-changing risk.

Today, as legislators, you have the opportunity to prevent the harm of many children and protect the innate health with which they were born with your vote in favor of bill HB1422.

Thank you,

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In representation of Group of Parents of Children with autism