

Prior to voting on HB1288, I wanted you to be aware there is an appearance of a financial conflict of interest amongst one of the committee members who is also a co-sponsor that could undermine the public confidence in the fairness and legitimacy of the legislative process.

Based on the legislative declarations made in section one of the bill, it is safe to say that the intent of the bill is to increase vaccination rates by decreasing personal belief exemption rates. This results in more vaccines being sold in the state of Colorado.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, one vaccine manufacturer, GalaxoSmithKline Biologicals, is responsible for the manufacture and sale of 13 different vaccines being sold in Colorado.

<http://www.fda.gov/biologicsbloodvaccines/vaccines/approvedproducts/ucm093833.htm>

There is a lobby report filed on the Colorado Secretary Of State website (<http://www.sos.state.co.us/lobby/ViewPrincipalSummary.do?id=30554&lobbyistId=2008500496>), and a professional association published on at least one professional networking website (<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/dir/?first=Shannon&last=Csotty>) highlighting the professional association between the spouse (Shannon Csotty) of this bill's co-sponsor/committee member, Rep. Frank McNulty, and the Association of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and the vaccine manufacturer GalaxoSmithKline Biologicals.

While I am not questioning the professional integrity of this member, his familial financial association with the pharmaceutical industry that is completely shielded from civil liability for vaccine injuries and deaths raises questions in terms of public confidence in the process that shouldn't be ignored by this committee.

Transparency and public trust in the fairness and integrity of the legislative process on a bill that is attempting to restrict parental rights is paramount.