

## To Honorable Members of the Colorado General Assembly, ~~HOUSE~~ Health, Insurance and Environment Committee, March 13, 2014

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If this bill unfortunately goes to the floor for a vote, then I think the following clarifications, changes and additions should be made in it. The failure to include these changes to House Bill 1288 will give further evidence to vaccine skeptics that the Government only listens to the suppliers and proponents of vaccines.

1. The vaccine education **should be required only once for any vaccine**. Thoughtful, caring parents who have their own informed belief that vaccines may be harmful to their children should not be bullied, punished, coerced and treated like ignoramuses by requiring them to repeat the same vaccine education year after year.
2. In person vaccination education courses should be provided by a health practitioner **at no cost or co-pay** to the parent or child. If the education will be mandated, then by law it should be as a free public service offered by any health care provider! To require parents and patient's to pay for this education is another form of coercion.
3. Like all medicines, vaccines will cause side effects which are sometimes serious and can last through the patient's lifetime. As of March 2013, over \$2.5 Billion has been awarded to victims and their families from vaccine injuries. Like the vaccine education website in the State of Oregon, the State of Colorado needs to provide a free copy the government's **National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program** booklet to alert parents of their right to file a claim if there's an injury.
4. The FDA estimates that over 90% of doctors do not report adverse reactions from medicines or vaccines. I urge you to make sure that the online or in person education gives the parent documentation on the government's **Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)** which will alert parents/patients of their right and responsibility to report a vaccine injury.
5. Going forward, by law, **a pamphlet** containing these resources and information should be given to every parent and adult patient who gets any vaccine for anything, anytime.
6. Many parents are fearful of the short and long term health effects of vaccines that may induce other diseases and disorders. Since there is no objective public health data (from CDC, FDA or any legitimate public health agency) that **proves** vaccinated children have more or less long term health risks than unvaccinated ones, the State of Colorado should sponsor a long term study to **examine the overall health status of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children** from age 0 to 17 years.

The two populations of **vaccinated vs. unvaccinated** children should be compared to find which population is lower in terms of frequency of deaths and poor health conditions. If it's true that Colorado has number of unvaccinated children, then we have a ready cohort to examine this question scientifically. The continued absence of this public health data will perpetuate the belief of many parents that vaccines are not safe for their children. The government continues a disservice to its citizens by not addressing this question.

Respectfully submitted,

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