

## HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
BILL #: HB19-B-12  
PRIME SPONSORS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Maurita Newton  
PHONE #: 970 340 8698  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I represent myself + Gulf war veterans. I would like to see this bill voted NO! I am a Veteran, Meningitis survivor, wife, mother and teacher of significant needs. I have a M.Ed in Special Education. In 1989, I made a choice, an informed choice, to join the military US Army Reserves. A year + a half later I went to war. Before the 1<sup>st</sup> sirens I was given multiple vaccinations + nerve agent pills. These plus the other exposures to chemicals led to Gulf War Syndrome. I came home + chose not to vaccinate ever again. I chose not to vaccinate my daughter based on this background + family history. I had a choice. I served my country to come home to freedoms we have a right to. This bill takes that away. It discriminates + just like our soldiers 250,000 out of 697,000 Gulf war soldiers are afflicted + enduring chronic illness + now we are parents who have a right to choose. We want safer vaccines. I am a Veteran + pro choice as an American citizen.

PRINT NAME: Maurita Newton

SIGNATURE: Maurita Newton

Thank you, Madam Chair, and members of the committee for hearing my testimony. My name is Martin Wickline and I represent myself and my children.

We all want healthy children and communities, but I oppose HB 19-1312 because it is not the right way to go about it. Here are a few reasons.

Parents have a God-given right to make informed decisions for the care and well-being of their children. This bill seeks to bully and stigmatize parents like me who have legitimate religious, moral, scientific, or medical objections to some, or all, of the recommended vaccines for their children. But parents should never need a permission slip from the government to make health care choices for their children. It is a God-given right.

Further, centralizing personally identifiable healthcare information in a state database is not only unnecessary to track exemption rates for public health statistics, but it violates federal protections of personal healthcare information and risks public breach and unauthorized disclosure, inviting further harassment.

Finally, this bill excludes and makes impossible many legitimate medical exemptions related to genetics and family histories of autoimmune disorders; this directly affects my family who has both. Our family health history and specific genetic mutations put my children at greater risk of severe adverse events, due to impaired cellular methylation pathways. This bill prevents doctors from helping to avoid such adverse events, and prevents legitimate medical exemptions by qualified doctors who are capable of doing their own research outside of ACIP recommendations. This bill blinds the practice of medicine, and sets a terrifying precedent for government influence and coercion in family health care choices.

Parents and doctors can be trusted to make their own choices for their children and patients.

Thank you.

Thank you, Madam Chair, and members of the committee for hearing my testimony. My name is Michelle Wickline and I represent myself and my children.

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The ACIP list of contraindications is extremely narrow, and does not take into account recent research into genetics and epigenetics, which both have been shown to be significant predictors of serious adverse events from vaccinations. If doctors want to avoid more of these serious adverse events, they must be free to study the literature and make exemptions, based on the latest research, for their patients. This bill denies doctors that ability.

My family is personally affected by several genetic conditions, and vaccinations are contraindicated because of these conditions and our family medical history. I want to avoid serious adverse events for my children, but would not be able to qualify for medical exemption under this bill.

The ACIP list primarily allows exemptions for severe allergic reactions, which only occur AFTER the vaccines are administered. That is too late to avoid many life-threatening or potentially life-altering adverse events. They have already occurred in the child at that point. I cannot justify this risk for my healthy children.

Please do not pass this bullying bill which ignores current research.

Thank you.

Madam Chair Lontine and representatives

RE: HB19-1312

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This bill is an attempt to increase vaccination rates. I can assure you, my decision to not vaccinate will remain the same. If this bill passes, I will have to jump through all the hoops AND Colorado will have to fund the whole proposed process. This is what I call a lose-lose.

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If this is really about public safety and health, please consider adopting a similar bill to this:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/billtext/pdf/SB023501.pdf>

Dr. Michelle Mathiesen, DC

Madam Chair, Ladies and representatives

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<http://www.colorado.gov/legislature/bills/2019/1312>

Dr. Michelle Matteson, DC

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DATE: 04/15/19  
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PRIME SPONSORS: Mullica

NAME: Julia Rirdan  
PHONE #: 303-284-0247  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

My name is Julia Rirdan. I represent myself and my family.

I developed an onset of two incurable autoimmune conditions within one week of receiving three immigration required vaccinations (MMR, Tdap and TB-test vaccines). Later, my son was also injured by vaccines and he too developed some serious immune issues.

Not a single vaccine has ever been tested with a double-blind placebo trial or compared to a true inert (saline) placebo.

I will never take another vaccine myself or vaccinate my children. I would leave Colorado instead. The government should not have the right to single out, monitor and punish parents who have done thousand of hours of research (like myself) on the topic and chose healthy living instead of injecting their children with known neurotoxins and carcinogens. Please vote no on this bill

PRINT NAME: Julia Rirdan

SIGNATURE: 

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 15 APR 2019  
BILL #: HB19-1712  
PRIME SPONSORS: Mullica

NAME: Jackellyn Kirstein  
PHONE #: 3-581-4256  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ~~X~~

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I was vaccinated @ Fittsimmons back in the summer of 1990. I had a severe reaction that left me bedbound for 3 days with headaches, full body pain. When I spoke to a Dr. they said my reaction showed me that the vaccines were working. I was ordered to be vaccinated again <sup>in '94</sup> and when I was, that night I woke up trying to gasp for air. I ended up at a medical center in the middle of the night to watch my breathing for several hours. I was ordered to the Fittsimmons ER the next day. The ER Dr verified that I indeed had a vaccine reaction & to not get vaccinated again. Politics have again documentation @ the ER did not occur due to the busy ER. Since then I had severe headaches for years in which I needed to be drugged to dull the pain, a slew of autoimmune conditions, gut issues, brain issues, full body inflammatory issues ensued. I have spent almost <sup>25</sup> years trying to recover. I have spent 10's of 1000's of dollars trying to recover from the insult of vaccination. My job as a parent is to protect my child. With my health history, to include mitochondrial dysfunction, I <sup>would</sup> do not qualify for a vaccine exemption <sup>medical</sup> with this legislation. My child should not be part of a registry, <sup>as endure what I have, I have lost my youth</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>my son</sup> he is healthy & bright and the only person holding the short straw in a case of injury is me. A solo mom. <sup>who cannot</sup> ~~the~~ afford to pre-screening for tests much less enduring the VAEIP if/when injury occurs. Who is performing the pre-screening tests before vaccinations? ~~###~~ I read a study last year that showed that ~93.7% of children with autism have a parent with an autoimmune condition.

I see my son as being at extreme danger of adverse reactions and if/when something goes wrong, I am left to deal with the neurological issues and the possibility of caring for a child unable to care for himself. Dr's are not recognizing reactions of which there are pages of reactions on the package insert. The dots were not connected for my reaction, except for the difficulty inhaling. <sup>Imagine how many peoples issues are not being recognized.</sup> Before presenting a bill like this, please step back and remove liability for the vaccine companies and I want to be able to hold Dr's liable when they do not acknowledge injuries listed on the inserts & in addition to not ~~send~~ submitting VAERS Reports, I would like to see a vaccinated vs. fully unvaccinated using an inert placebo study.

PRINT NAME: Jackellyn Kirstein

SIGNATURE: J. Kirstein

HB19-1312 NO

Darcy Greenwald  
(303) 359-2787

Dear Representative/Senator (elected official),

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the recently introduced HB19-1312 designed by representative Mullica, seeking to restrict critical vaccine exemptions from the **parents and doctors** of Colorado. There are many problems with this bill, which ultimately seeks to severely limit parental vaccine choice, remove a physicians' power to provide an exemption based on individual diagnosis, and which disregards many thousands of vaccine damaged children. **HB19-1213 seeks to force parents to submit and seek medical exemptions though the health department, instead of where it belongs--with their doctor, who is intimately aware of their state of health.**

This bill clearly states that all medical exemptions will be based on decisions made by the health department, which then base their decisions on those of the ACIP and the CDC, which currently include only: anaphylaxis, children on chemo, or organ transplant recipients. But what about other forms of damage that many doctors have observed after vaccination, such as damage attributed to genetic abnormalities, or mitochondrial dysfunction?

Recently, we've had powerful figures such as Dr Andrew Zimmerman, a world-renowned pediatric neurologist and top government witness in the 2007 court case involving 5000 vaccine-autism cases, break their silence. Dr Zimmerman released an affidavit just in January of this year (3) *sources provided below*, stating that he was misrepresented in this court case, and that in a subset of children an underlying mitochondrial dysfunction exists (which could) cause regressive encephalopathy with features of autism spectrum disorder. Dr Zimmerman's opinions have been mirrored by other pro vaccine medical experts, such as the late Dr Bernadine Healy, former director of the National Institutes of Health, and even CDC's own Dr Frank DeStefano who in 2014, when asked about vaccines triggering autism in certain susceptible children, acknowledged that it is possible.

Vaccines are a highly complex and controversial medical intervention, and an ever increasing number of current international clinical studies (1,2,8) are revealing mechanisms that clearly show how segments of the population can and do sustain damage, injury, and even death from the administration of vaccines, and particularly aluminum-containing vaccines. More safety studies are urgently required.

On that note, HB19-1312 also directs the health department to create training materials to re-educate healthcare providers on the benefits of vaccines. However, **I could find no mention of risks of vaccines or providing balanced information in the bill.** This is of great concern, especially in light of the accumulating studies we have revealing damage from vaccines (2,8), and also evidence of ineffectiveness of certain vaccines, such as the DTaP or Tdap.

With regard to the latter statement, we have no clearer evidence than that presented by the FDA itself in a 2014 study of baboons (4). The group of baboons receiving the DTaP or acellular pertussis vaccine, all became carriers of the pertussis bacteria when exposed, meaning that even though they weren't sick themselves, they were able to pass the bacteria on to others. This made

the DTaP vaccinated group of baboons significantly more dangerous than the unvaccinated group. Nevertheless our media, disregarding this critical study, has pounded the public with advice to get all family members around newborns up to date on the DTaP vaccines. Unwitting fully vaccinated family members then end up with a greatly increased risk of *exposing their youngest to whooping cough because they don't even know they are sick*. Are they going to include studies like these in the training manual?

A quick check on VAERS, the Vaccine Accident Event Reporting System established by the Department of Health and Human Services in 1990 to track adverse vaccine events, will reveal significant numbers of injury and death from vaccines, and yet, according to a Harvard Pilgrim Hospital Study funded by the HHS department (5), these numbers represent only an estimated 1% of reporting in the US--as most people (including many doctors and other medical providers) are unaware of the existence of VAERS.

**Fact: exactly nine people have died of causes associated with natural measles contraction in the last 16 years in the United States, versus 455 deaths reported on VAERS from the MMR vaccine alone since 1990** . Once again, if the 455 MMR vaccine deaths represent only about 1% of actual deaths, this converts to numbers probably closer to 45,000 cases since 1990. I should add: of the 465 people naturally infected with measles as of the writing of this document this year, there has not been a single death.

The American public urgently needs you to perform due diligence on this topic before signing in a bill that so blatantly restricts their rights and the rights of their doctors to defend their own children's health.

As Michael Sussman, Esq, one of the lawyers who recently led the effort that overturned the emergency order in New York preventing anyone without an MMR vaccination from entering public spaces, stated so succinctly, " What are the fundamental rights? How do you define them? How do you safeguard them? This vaccine issue is about fundamental rights. These rights include the right to control what enters into your body and the body of your child, rights of privacy, and of family autonomy."

Mr Sussman admitted that in previous years he had not studied the science behind vaccines, but that he had spent the last two months really digging in and doing some research. He goes on to say, "There's actually not a whole lot of science supporting vaccines, and what is there is debatable and weak. So the question is: do you have a compelling state interest in that context? With regard to forcing a person to vaccinate against their beliefs--whether religious or personal--do you have a right to require someone to engage in that regime? **Arbitrary executive rule--decisions made without any real authorization from anyone, especially when they are made allegedly in the public interest--can lead us to a society where our rights are marginalized and minimalized.**"

#### RELEVANT FACTS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:

1. Vaccine industries are the only pharmaceutical industry that the federal government has declared exempt from any liability (National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, 1986), and thus there

is little incentive to proof of safety as compared to other FDA-approved drugs. Vaccines receive only several days to weeks of safety trials, versus several years with all non-vaccine drug safety trials (1,2). **You cannot determine potential long-term side effects and illnesses from observing a week or less of safety trials, which is exactly why all other FDA-approved drugs, for which pharmaceutical industries are liable, get much longer safety observation periods.**

Many products have a **latency period** before symptoms emerge; unfortunately ignoring a latency period could mask an epidemic hiding in plain sight. Given our skyrocketing numbers of chronic pediatric illness, currently at 54% of our national pediatric population as compared to 12.8% in the 1980s, our current position ranked 45th in infant mortality right behind Cuba and Slovenia, and especially our soaring levels of neurological illness (learning disabilities, ADHD/ADD, sensory processing disorders, autism, and other forms of neurological developmental disease) this safety research must be performed.

2. Addressing the herd immunity concern, please consider this: first, vaccines wear off over a 10 year period at the very best. Nowhere has this been studied with more depth than the DTaP vaccine, where in 2012, for example, a *New England Journal of Medicine* study determined that children's odds of catching pertussis rose by 42 percent each year after receiving the final dose of DTaP, usually given between ages four and six, in the childhood vaccine series. (6) Additional studies revealed that the effects of the DTaP vaccine wane after the fifth injection (6). Many other vaccine boosters, such as the MMR, are said to provide 8-10 years of immunity *at best*.

Second, consider that since *the vast majority of adults do not receive CDC-recommended boosters*, the concept of "herd immunity" at 90-95% of the population is clearly impossible without forcefully vaccinating the entire population of the United States, adults and children alike, and making sure all adults are up to date on boosters every 8-10 years throughout their lives. **This means that we have never actually achieved anywhere near threshold herd immunity for any targeted infectious disease, including measles, and yet we nevertheless remain at historically low numbers.** This clearly indicates that other factors are at play--most notably radical improvement in sanitation and hygiene, as well nutrition levels, since the early 20th century, factors even the CDC itself admits are the actual primary cause of infectious disease decline (7).

3. **Only two vaccine ingredients, out of more than 37 ingredients per vaccine, have been individually safety tested thus far.** These include thimerosal (mercury), which is being slowly phased out due to toxic findings, and now aluminum hydroxide. All other ingredients have not undergone the same scrutiny, ingredients such as formaldehyde (a known neurotoxin), polysorbate 80, and aborted fetal cell lines, including injected DNA.

Injected aluminum hydroxide is receiving increasing international study and interest, as *clear associations are being discovered between this form of injected aluminum salt and neurological damage*. Recent studies by Dr Zhibin Yao in China, for example, compared infant mice injected with hepatitis B vaccine (which contains high amounts of aluminum hydroxide) against a saline control group, and showed a marked elevation in a pro-inflammatory cytokine called IL-4, which is then caused brain inflammation in an alarming number of these infant mice. The damage takes

time (8 weeks after injection to be exact); and no obvious connections can be observed within the first few days or weeks. (8)

Aluminum is generally regarded as benign by the CDC and other vaccine regulatory agencies, because they are basing their information on the science around **ingested aluminum**. As it turns out, **injected aluminum**, which cannot be eliminated efficiently as can ingested aluminum, appears to behave very differently in the body. **Since the long-term safety studies have never been done by the pharmaceutical companies or their regulatory agencies**, this information is only recently surfacing.

The following sources of information are a quick read:

1. The following document was compiled by ICAN, based on months researching the state of vaccine safety in the United States. The shocking result of this effort was presented to the heads of the National Institutes of Health with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. in May of 2017. <https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/whitepapers/VaccineSafety-Version-1.0-October-2-2017.pdf>

2. The following website is dedicated to listing current science from independently funded research and clinical studies on the topic of vaccine safety.  
<http://vaccinepapers.org/>

3. Dr Andrew Zimmerman's January 2019 formal affidavit. Dr Zimmerman is a world-renowned pediatric neurologist, former director of medical research at the prestigious Kennedy Krieger Institute, and chief medical expert witness in the 2007 government court case involving 5000 vaccine-autism cases. <https://namelyliberty.com/dr-andrew-zimmermans-full-affidavit-on-alleged-link-between-vaccines-and-autism-that-u-s-govt-covered-up/>

4. 2014 FDA funded study to test theory behind rising numbers of pertussis infections (whooping cough) despite 95% US vaccination rates. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24277828>  
<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/baboon-study-reveals-new-shortcoming-of-pertussis-vaccine/>

5. Harvard Pilgrim Hospital Study, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, finding that only 1% or less of actual vaccine adverse events ever get reported.  
<https://healthit.ahrq.gov/ahrq-funded-projects/electronic-support-public-health-vaccine-adverse-event-reporting-system>

6. Resurgence of the pertussis infection (whooping cough), despite high levels of DTaP vaccination. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1209051>  
And waning protection after the fifth dose of DTaP  
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMoa1200850>

7. "Achievements in Public Health", CDC website  
<https://www.cdc.gov/Mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm4829a1.htm?fbclid=IwAR2kXG8oa5MvXQS3NHKEKBNO2223LTiQWDE9iOtAAxHMAegtL3QmdIfyDaM>

8. Here is a link to Dr Zhibin Yao's research:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27501128> (2016 study, showing infant mice in hepatitis B vaccination group showing neurological damage from the vaccine)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29751176> (2018 study, showing the group of infant mice vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, and the group injected with IL-4 cytokines, developing similar patterns of neurological damage)

I believe in this country, and in this state, and **it is the primary responsibility of those in office to defend the rights of their citizens through due diligence in researching a topic thoroughly before approving legislation with such far-reaching effects.**

I want to leave you with the following critically important request. Right now, pull up several vaccine inserts online--and read through the long list of often serious and even deadly side effects. Why are they listed there? Because they have never occurred? No, *because they are effects which have been associated with that vaccine*. If you mandate all vaccines indiscriminately, or through signing in a bill such as HB19-1312 which seeks to remove the power of decision-making from parents and doctors into the hands of a regulatory agency, by irrefutable math, you will be directly responsible for the suffering and death of an appalling number of society's most vulnerable. **Please ask yourself: what gives you the right to mandate suffering and even death for these children?**

The first tenet of all medicine has always been: **first, do no harm**. The tenet has never been "harm some to save more". Regardless, it has not clearly been proven as of the writing of this document, as to whether it is actually true that forced vaccinations would cause less harm than they prevent.

In conclusion, a vote of "Yes" on this bill would clearly indicate that you do not understand the very foundation of our country, a remarkable ingenious foundation which has created a unique country that has transformed the world, firmly based on the rights of the individual superseding the rights of the collective. If only to safeguard first, the right of parents and doctors, hopefully as a team, to determine the best possible health outcome for their child, and second, provide balanced vaccine information to all healthcare providers, I urge you to vote a resounding NO on HB19-1312.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these important facts,

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NAME: Amy  
PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Listen to the parents, whose only interest is in the wellbeing of their children. By instinct or experience, some parents have come to read, learn, discuss, pay attention, and act. Very real vaccine risks have been weighed, and an exemption option is warranted and prudent.

Concerns with this bill:

- short-term vaccine research & development timelines
- lobbying power of vaccine manufacturing companies
- legal protection granted to vaccine manufacturing companies
- under-reporting of vaccine related injuries
- actual number of vaccine related injuries
- possible financial agenda of vaccine manufacturing companies and/or any legislators associated with them

"Nobody ever proved that vaccines only have protective effects."

- Dr. Christine Stabell Benn, MD, vaccine researcher (20+ years),  
Professional of Global Health

This one-size-fits-all approach is not in the best interest of children and communities. I do not support this bill.

Thank you

PRINT NAME: Amy

SIGNATURE: 

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: Apr 15, 2019  
BILL #: HB19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Mullica

NAME: Tricia Roush  
PHONE #: 303-680-6137  
FOR:        AGAINST:   ✓  

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

My primary concern with this Bill has to do with personal and religious exemptions, beginning on page 6, line 22, through page 7, line 25.

If this bill passes, the law will require those of us wanting a religious or personal exemption to sign a form written by the health department, and that ~~form written~~ form hasn't been written yet. My concern is, based on the current form that the health department provides for exemptions, that it would contain language that would basically say I am endangering my children for not vaccinating them. This would be compelled speech to force me to sign a form that says I am endangering my children for not vaccinating them. I cannot sign something that do not agree with. This also violates the right to free speech, because the law would compel me to sign a form in order to obtain an exemption.

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PRINT NAME: Tricia Roush

SIGNATURE: Tricia M Roush

We all have the same goal: healthy kids and a healthy community.  
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Thank you Madam chair and Representatives. I appreciate you allowing me to speak.

My name is Tricia Roush and I am the mother of 3 children. I am asking you to oppose HB19-1312.

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I believe more and more people will turn to homeschooling to avoid dealing with the public school immunization requirements if this bill passes. This will take more money away from the public schools. Imagine if 20,000 of the approximately 23,000 that take exemptions decide to homeschool. At around \$8,000 per student, that's \$160,000,000 – a little less than 1 million dollars per school district.

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We all have the same goal: healthy kids and a healthy community.

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 PRIME SPONSORS: Mullica

NAME: Beth Leyba  
 PHONE #: 303-748-6236  
 FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Madame Chair & Committee, thank you for your time. My name is Beth Leyba. I am representing myself and my children. I am a 4th generation <sup>poor</sup> Chicana Denver resident, a community organizer working to end gender-based violence, and a parent. I oppose this bill. I have utilized personal belief exemptions for my children and myself at the elementary, middle, high school, and college levels, NOT as a matter of convenience, and not because we haven't received vaccines, but because it is my only recourse to send a statement regarding my strongly held beliefs in informed consent, bodily autonomy, choice, and medical privacy. I have navigated Colorado's public school systems as the parent of chronically ill, disabled, vaccine-injured children, and accessing their right to a free and public education has been hellacious. My children have experienced outright discrimination, including school nurses violating their HIPPA rights by disclosing their private medical info to teachers and other students, and an Office for Civil Rights investigation that found fully in our favor. Making exemptions more difficult to obtain will overburden families who are already fighting tooth & nail for the accommodations that their children need & have a right to. I will NEVER sign a form with coercive language that says I am putting my children and others at risk. My liberal feminist values mean that I am pro-choice and I BELIEVE WOMEN, including mothers who watched their children's health decline after vaccination. There is an issue of white privilege at hand,

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PRINT NAME: Beth Leyba

SIGNATURE: Beth Leyba

Please vote no on HB-1312.

in that highly educated, well off people have the time, energy, and access to resources that allows them to research the issue fully, and often parents of color don't even know that they have the right to decline, as I didn't when I first became a mother.

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DATE: 4-15-19  
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PRIME SPONSORS: ---

NAME: Kate Patterson  
PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Freedom of Religion

In the country I live in

Authority over our bodies

For that, many soldiers have died

Our very own peeps

Trying to remove freedom of speech

Must sign their written exemption

Instead of ours, written with careful attention

Not the country I know

Land of freedom, that's my home

Please remember from where we came

Oppressed, we fought til the land of the free was our name

Do not oppress your fellow citizens

With unneeded legislation

Treat us like you would want to be

Don't accept favors or bribery

Remember your people you've sworn to serve

You are held to higher standards

We appreciate the work you've done

No one wins til freedom's won

Seek the truth and you will find

Respect your fellow human kind

This is how we will remain

Land of the free and home of the brave

PRINT NAME: Kate Patterson

SIGNATURE: Kate Patterson

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
BILL #: HB19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Lori Lechman  
PHONE #: 970-347-7576  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I am from Weld County representing myself.  
 For the record I'm not anti-vaccine. I believe  
 there are benefits to vaccinating but I am <sup>VERY</sup> concerned  
 that Colorado is heading towards forced vaccination.  
 I believe this bill is a waste of time and will  
 not increase vaccine rates as the sponsor is intending.  
 What we really should be doing is trying to make  
 vaccines more safe/~~and how to make them more effective~~ if you desire to increase  
 vaccination rates. I have many concerns with  
 this bill <sup>including but not limited to,</sup> ~~like~~, What is the true purpose of the  
 data base? Why the redundant required opt-out  
 certificate, and <sup>why</sup> our aggressive vaccine schedule.  
 We are trying to eradicate disease but I  
 believe the world will never be eradicated of these  
 diseases. <sup>so</sup> What will our future hold? More, and more,  
 and more boosters and vaccines? <sup>because they are as effective as</sup> I pray not. <sub>natural immunity.</sub>  
 Please vote NO.

PRINT NAME: Lori Lechman

SIGNATURE: Lori Lechman

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4-15-19  
BILL #: HB 19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Rep. Mullica

NAME: Rachel Snider  
PHONE #: 919-290-8156  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

1) I would like to reiterate that each individual responds differently even to medications like Benadryl. We had an immunologist in this hearing make this statement, pointing out that each individual responds to vaccine differently.

\* This bill ~~constrains~~ Constrains my rights as an advocate for my children's own medical care, it constrains my doctor's ability to write a medical exemption would be an attack on my rights and my child's rights as a consumer and a person.

I recognize that the writers of this bill and others testifying are trying to protect public health. If it could be done ~~without~~ <sup>zero risk</sup> to individuals, we would not be here today. But <sup>as we know there are risks, and</sup> the Supreme court has ruled vaccines as "unavoidably ~~and~~ unsafe". I, <sup>as we know there are risks, and</sup> am a proponent of informed consent regarding vaccines ~~and~~ along with other medical decisions.

Speaking to the bill, as a homeschooler, I am required each year to file my children's vaccine history and exemption status to their school district. Since this bill does not address homeschoolers specifically, nor amend homeschool law, please help me understand how this bill does not apply to law-abiding homeschoolers?

2) <sup>we have talked about neurological special needs:</sup> My 5 children <sup>what it looks like</sup> have the combined <sup>Neurological</sup> diagnoses of Anxiety disorder, depression, selective mutism, Autism spectrum disorder, expressive speech disorder, Tourette's syndrome, and ADHD. It was forcefully brought home to me by medical professionals that these are very real diagnoses that require real interventions. I know personally that they affect my children on a daily basis, and will possibly for their entire life. Vaccinations are a risk vs. benefit decision for each individual. where there is risk, there must be choice.

PRINT NAME: Rachel Snider

SIGNATURE: RSS



HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
BILL #: HB 19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Mullica

NAME: Jessie Schell  
PHONE #: 303-653-2233  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

*See attached*

PRINT NAME: Jessie Schell

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Madame Chair and Committee,

My name is Jessie Schall and I am a lawyer and also have a masters in psychology, both from Duke. I am also a mother of a 5 year old who was vaccinated until 9 months of age, and 1 year old who has never had a vaccine. Both of my kids currently have medical exemptions based on a close family history of ALS, Lupus, Lyme, and celiac disease. Doctors feel that vaccines could trigger those conditions yet we would not be eligible for a medical exemption if this bill passes. I have looked deeply into the science for and against vaccines as well as the legal implications of having no one held accountable for vaccine failures or side effects. I refuse to risk my children's health on a product that has no placebo controlled safety testing and no legal recourse. I also refuse to sign a legal document with incriminating language that I do not agree with and have my child tracked in order to get a religious or personal exemption. I do not believe I should be faced with that choice.

Within the Bill of Rights of our Constitution are rights to privacy and protection of one's own bodily autonomy. The forcing of a medical procedure on another's person is considered an assault. Section 3 on page 8 of the bill seems to eliminate nearly every medical exemptions per ACIP guidelines. Section 3(b) on page 6 requires personal and religious exemptions to use a standardized form which in the past has included language that the parent is endangering the life of their child by refusing a vaccine. Parents who feel their child is susceptible to harm from a vaccine are held hostage under this bill, faced with either signing incriminating language under duress or vaccinating under duress. In addition, under Section 5, those signing an exemption will be entered into a tracking system. Considering what is happening in New York right now, being tracked for a socially unpopular decision is frightening. This is a direct violation of the Constitutional right to privacy.

And for what are we eradicating the basic human rights? There has been a lot of fear propagated about measles as a "deadly" disease yet measles is an infection for which we used to host parties just like used to for chickenpox. An infection that has virtually a zero death rate in the US. According to the CDC, even before the vaccine came into the market, the US death rate from Measles was 1 in 10,000 cases or .01%. Also according to the CDC, the chances of the MMR vaccine failing to protect you is 3%. So 300 out of every 10,000 MMR vaccines fail versus 1 out of every 10,000 measles cases ends in death. The media and the pharmaceutical industry have done a good job of making everyone fearful but the numbers don't lie. We cannot assume that we know what is best for another person's family or genetics. The makers of the Constitution KNEW we would come upon times when people fear each other and they wrote a document to guide us through it. Our Constitutional rights are meant to ground us and force us to make decisions that may go against our gut thinking when our guts are biased by fear. We all have the same goal. Healthy kids and a healthy community. Please oppose this bill.

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/2019  
BILL #: HB 19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Muller, CA

NAME: Shauna Mosskenger  
PHONE #: 720-641-5354  
FOR: AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

*See attached*

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Madame Chair and Committee,

My name is Shanna Mossberger and this bill affects my family. My daughter has severe anaphylactic food allergies and has an immune system prone to allergic responses. Based on current ACIP recommendations, my daughter would not be eligible for a Medical Exemption because it would require her to have an anaphylactic reaction to a vaccine in order to receive a Medical Exemption. Protecting informed consent allows our family to make our own informed decisions about vaccines.

Section 2(c)(6) requires the Department of Public Health and Environment to develop "educational" materials regarding the benefits of vaccines which can then be made available to health care providers. Education by definition would need to include both the benefits as well as the risks of vaccines for three reasons:

- 1) If only the benefits are discussed, that would not be education. Education should include benefits and risks. Otherwise it would be indoctrination.
- 2) Doctors take a Hippocratic oath to "do no harm." It would be impossible for them to uphold that oath if they are only taught of the benefits of a medical procedure and none of the risks as they could unwillingly do a lot of harm.
- 3) Patients have a right to informed consent. This means knowledge of the benefits and risks in order to make an informed choice about their own bodies. If a health care provider is only providing the patient with benefits of vaccines and no risks, there is no informed consent. This would be a gross violation of legal and medical ethics.

If the department of public health is to make materials to distribute to the public or practitioners, the law should require that the materials also include the following:

Vaccine inserts themselves, citing known and acknowledged risks of each and every vaccine a patient chooses.

A statement that no vaccine has undergone true placebo controlled safety studies.

That the patient has no legal recourse in the event of harm due to a 1986 law giving vaccine manufacturers immunity from lawsuit.

I ask that you include those as requirements for the "educational" piece that the department must create. The science is never settled. The science used to be settled that the world was flat or that the atom was the smallest molecule. Science is often proven wrong by more science. Please present both sides of the science and let people decide what is best for their family. We all want the same things. Healthy kids and a healthy community.



Madame Chairman and committee members,

My name is Karen Trickett. I'm a wife, mother and grandmother to 4 great little kids, one of which will be affected by this bill. I have spent 10 years learning about vaccines after seeing a friend's child be vaccine injured.

I am opposed to Bill 1312.

The development of "education materials" as this bill proposes on pg.5 - lines 5-9 is very concerning if these materials are based on the belief that "Science is settled".

Science cannot ever be settled because pathogens and human reactions to them is never settled.

One example of this is a Pubmed article Published by Oxford University Press on behalf of The Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society on Feb. 22, 2019.

Quote: **"... all children who were primed by DTap vaccines will be more susceptible to pertussis throughout their lifetimes, and there is no easy way to decrease this increased lifetime susceptibility."**

( I have a copy of the abstract for each of you.)

I respectfully ask that instead of creating and distributing one-sided education materials, that the great state of Colorado would lead the way in civil, honest, advertised televised discussions on a topic that has created anxiety and fear on both sides of the topic.

Your willingness to initiate or encourage such events before considering any future bill would re-assure us that we all have the same goal - healthy kids and a healthy community.

Please pause and kill this bill for the sake of all **children** in Colorado, **including your own.**

Thank you for giving me a voice today. I am grateful for the privilege.

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## The 112-Year Odyssey of Pertussis and Pertussis Vaccines-Mistakes Made and Implications for the Future.

Cherry JD<sup>1</sup>.

### Author information

### Abstract

Effective diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, whole-cell pertussis (DTwP) vaccines became available in the 1930s, and they were put into routine use in the United States in the 1940s. Their use reduced the average rate of reported pertussis cases from 157 in 100 000 in the prevaccine era to <1 in 100 000 in the 1970s. Because of alleged reactions (encephalopathy and death), several countries discontinued (Sweden) or markedly decreased (United Kingdom, Germany, Japan) use of the vaccine. During the 20th century, *Bordetella pertussis* was studied extensively in animal model systems, and many "toxins" and protective antigens were described. A leader in B pertussis research was Margaret Pittman of the National Institutes of Health/US Food and Drug Administration. She published 2 articles suggesting that pertussis was a pertussis toxin (PT)-mediated disease. Dr Pittman's views led to the idea that less-reactogenic acellular vaccines could be produced. The first diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP) vaccines were developed in Japan and put into routine use there. Afterward, DTaP vaccines were developed in the Western world, and definitive efficacy trials were carried out in the 1990s. These vaccines were all less reactogenic than DTwP vaccines, and despite the fact that their efficacy was less than that of DTwP vaccines, they were approved in the United States and many other countries. DTaP vaccines replaced DTwP vaccines in the United States in 1997. In the last 13 years, major pertussis epidemics have occurred in the United States, and numerous studies have shown the deficiencies of DTaP vaccines, including the small number of antigens that the vaccines contain and the type of cellular immune response that they elicit. The type of cellular response a predominantly, T2 response results in less efficacy and shorter duration of protection. Because of the small number of antigens (3-5 in DTaP vaccines vs >3000 in DTwP vaccines), linked-epitope suppression occurs. **Because of linked-epitope suppression, all children who were primed by DTaP vaccines will be more susceptible to pertussis throughout their lifetimes, and there is no easy way to decrease this increased lifetime susceptibility.**

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# HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: April 15, 2019  
BILL #: HB 19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Self

NAME: Michelle Penner  
PHONE #: 760-201-5306  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I am a mom not here to give you scientific data. You'll hear enough of that. But to tell you our story. This picture is my daughter Sofia. She is five years old. From the looks of her she looks like a normal healthy five year old. But you don't see what's going on inside her. She was vaccinated for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of her life. With every dose of shots her health declined more & more. She was constantly screaming & crying. Her body was severely inflamed, cover in rashes & hives constantly. With severe eczema so bad she would scream & cry as she tried to scratch with no relief. With this she went into Anaphylactic shock a 2 months old from dairy exposure. By time she was 1 year old she was allergic to 20 foods & still is. I am opposed to this bill. All but specifically your qualifications for exemption. With her given history & immune compromised state she would not qualify for your exemption. What will catching her up on the CDC recommended schedule do to her? Are you willing to risk her health? I am not. We are Colorado Natures who will leave if this is passed.

PRINT NAME: Michelle Penner

SIGNATURE: Michelle Penner



HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
BILL #: 1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Kyle Mullica

NAME: Lura Gaydos  
PHONE #: 303-601-5060  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Greetings, committee members, thank you for letting me speak. I am a licensed Massage Therapist and I have specialized training and nineteen years of experience working with people who have severe health issues such as cancer, auto-immune conditions and diabetes. I am continually monitoring my clients and communicating with their medical doctors about their state of health and I adjust my treatments accordingly. I am concerned that if this bill passes, doctors and nurses will lose the ability to adjust the vaccination schedule for their patient's current state of health. Doctors and nurses are the ones that should determine if their patient should have the right to a medical exemption, not the Colorado Health Department. There are always grey areas in medicine, and I am very concerned that doctors and nurses will have the health department breathing down their back, and force them to make decisions that endanger their patients health. We need to have our elected officials re-examining the vaccinations before adding them to the schedule. Where there is risk, there must be medical consent. We all want the same thing, healthy children. Please vote no on HB 1312

PRINT NAME: Lura Gaydos

SIGNATURE: Lura Gaydos

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 9/15/19

BILL #: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIME SPONSORS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Rachel TW

PHONE #: 720 217 5339

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST:

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I oppose this bill. We live in a nation that celebrated our basic freedoms and I feel this is the first step in taking away our right to choose. Who is the health department who hasn't met my family or knows what we have gone through to take my request seriously. I am begging that you say no to protect my basic rights and to protect my children that they will not be forced to be vaccinated to receive the right to education in this state!

PRINT NAME: Rachel Taft-West

SIGNATURE: Rachel Taft-West

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: April 15, 2019  
 BILL #: HB19-1312  
 PRIME SPONSORS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Jackie Dow  
 PHONE #: 303-459-0215  
 FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST:

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Please oppose passing HB19-1312  
 We should have the right to choose what  
 is right for our children and their health.  
 Where there is RISK there MUST BE CHOICE!  
 Everyone in my family has had some reaction  
 or severe side effects from vaccines, and even so,  
 I have never been able to get a Dr to document  
 or provide a medical exemption for vaccines.  
 I have some genetic mutation which most likely  
 my children have also, that make it much harder  
 or impossible to process toxins. My liver function is  
 very low as it is. I suffer from Autoimmune (Lupus, RA)  
 Diseases that can not be cured, ~~and~~ only the symptoms  
 can be treated. I believe vaccines caused my  
 Autoimmune system to malfunction. I don't believe  
 vaccines are safe or effective, and they have not been tested  
 or studied enough and the science is not settled. Science  
 is never settled. My brother almost died from the MMR,  
 he was hospitalized and he got the mumps. My oldest daughter  
 had a febrile seizure just hours after her first vaccines. I  
 delayed subsequent children, but they also had reactions. My 3rd  
 child rolled around on the floor screaming for days after 3rd DTAP shot,  
 and was learning disabled like my siblings. My youngest child  
 only had 1 DTAP at age 8 and developed mild Tourette's Syndrome  
 and ticks right after the shot. ~~and~~ If he were forced to  
 catch up with the schedule it could be bad but really it should

PRINT NAME: Jacqueline Dow

SIGNATURE: Jacqueline L. Dow

be my choice and he should not be in a database at the CDPHE  
 I realize its currently not a mandate, but what if there is a change of outbreaks?

My main concern is the the exemption needs to be registered at the CDPHE, in the database and if there is even a small outbreak, vaccine (without a medical exemption) may be mandated and fines or jail time implemented such as what is happening in Brooklyn N.Y. right now in several zip codes, ~~there is~~ the Governor of N.Y. declared a State of emergency and now people not getting the suddenly mandated vaccines are facing fines and jail time according to the current order. These people under this order are having their civil rights and civil liberties violated. My concern is that if there is an outbreak or emergency what will happen at the CDPHE then? In N.Y. it was the health department that issued the current order to mandate the MMR in those Brooklyn zip codes that "everyone be vaccinated for MMR or face fine and jail time" what is or is not injected into one's body or one's child is a personal choice and should be a private choice. We should not even have to have a form to fill out for an exemption. And I have severe allergies to vaccines and so do my children yet we can not get a medical exemption. The vaccine injury program has payed out over 3 Billion ~~and~~ and those are only the ones that made it to court! The minor reactions are not included those are deaths, are permanent disabilities that are proven to be from the vaccine in court. Pardon my handwriting - the R. A. & Lupus affect it.

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
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PRIME SPONSORS: SELF

NAME: Amy Baggett  
PHONE #: 303 908 9634  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

This bill violates my constitutional rights. Furthermore the Supreme court has held that I have the right to refuse medical treatment - even life saving. Until vaccines are proven 100% safe and effective I have the right to refuse them for me and my family. Do no harm. My boys have the right to attend public education facilities regardless of their medical choices! They are happy, healthy's are an asset to society. We all have the same goal - Healthy kids and a healthy community. Please oppose this bill!! Where there is risk there must be choice!

PRINT NAME: Amy Baggett

SIGNATURE: Amy B. Baggett

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
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PRIME SPONSORS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Kelly Reda  
PHONE #: 708-935-9989  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

As a mother of two healthy children I oppose this bill. My job and goal in life is to keep my children safe. I believe if this bill is passed I will be unable to do my job in keeping them safe. Where there is RISK there must be CHOICE. Please do not pass this bill.

PRINT NAME: Kelly Reda

SIGNATURE: Kelly Reda

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
BILL #: HB19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Kristina Cartwright  
PHONE #: 252-562-2845  
FOR: AGAINST ~~X~~

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I oppose HB19-1312.

I have done countless hours of research.

I am grateful for the current statutes. If you represent the people, today should have spoken volumes.

Hear us loud and clear.

Vote NO to HB19-1312.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Lorna Bohnenstiehl 720-469-0005

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Madam Chair Lontine, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present to you today. My name is Lorna Bohnenstiehl and I am an eighth grader at Southern Hills Middle School in Boulder. I am here to support the bill because, in fourth grade, I got whooping cough. I was 6 months out from my next booster shot when I got sick. The reason for me getting sick was because the herd immunity at my school was too low. I have friends that are unable to get vaccines due to their weak immune systems and it is very important to me that the community around them is vaccinated to protect them.

I am working on a history project in school. My topic is polio eradication. In my research and discussions I have been surprised to learn how many adults do not understand herd immunity. I think this bill will help Colorado improve the herd immunity in schools and can help adults better understand how it works to protect vulnerable children.

Thank you. I would be pleased to answer any questions.

"Chair \_\_\_\_, Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_, the answer to your question is . . ."

The bill requires the department of public health and environment (department) to:

- Develop a standardized form and submission process to claim a medical exemption to an immunization; and
- Develop a standardized form and submission process to claim a religious or personal belief exemption to an immunization.

The department is:

- Required to develop educational materials regarding immunizations to distribute to health care providers and facilities;
- Required to present immunization exemption information during its annual SMART Act hearing; and
- Required to use the existing immunization tracking system.

The state board of health is:

- Required to promulgate rules adopting the medical exemption recommendations from the advisory committee on immunization practices of the centers for disease control and prevention in the federal department of health and human services, or any successor entity (ACIP);
- Required to promulgate rules adopting the immunization recommendations from the ACIP;
- Allowed to promulgate rules adopting additional immunizations not recommended by ACIP; and
- Allowed to promulgate rules establishing the timing by which schools, parents, legal guardians, and students must demonstrate compliance with immunization requirements.

Concerning the immunization tracking system, the bill:

- Requires a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse to inform a parent or legal guardian who is claiming a medical exemption that he or she may choose to exclude the student's immunization information from the immunization tracking system before the student's immunization data is sent to the immunization tracking system;
- Requires the department or local or county, district, or municipal public health agency to inform a parent, legal guardian, or student who is claiming a religious or personal belief exemption that he or she may choose to exclude the student's immunization information from the immunization tracking system before the student's immunization data is sent to the immunization tracking system; and
- Requires a practitioner who is a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse to submit immunization and medical exemption data to the immunization tracking system. However, the practitioner is not subject to a regulatory sanction for noncompliance.

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)*

Sarah Rogers  
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Madam Chair Lontine, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present to you today. My name is Sarah Rogers. I am here with the enthusiast support and encouragement from my extended family, my friends, colleagues and educators. I am here to support HB19-1312 because vaccination is a pillar of modern medicine and of school safety.

~~I grew up in Arapahoe County, I have roots in Fort Collins, Canyon City and Denver, and I live in Boulder County.~~ My children have been enrolled in the Boulder Valley School District since 2005. The district overall has 85% vaccination rates, 84% Tdap, Pertussis, or whooping cough, has a herd immunity requirement similar to measles, with an RO of 12-17 and percentage of 92-94%. This means it is very contagious and its prevention requires a very high level of participation in immunization programs. Pertussis is caused not by a virus, like measles and polio, but a bacterium. The immunization weakens over time thus the child, while their own immune system develops and improves with age, is *not protected solely* by their own immunizations *but also, in tandem, by the herd immunity.*

Family members can get it

*Immunized students* in Boulder Valley Schools get pertussis. Mesa Elementary School, Southern Hills Middle School and Fairview High School have sent home letters announcing cases *several times* during my tenure as a parent. It was my assumption that unvaccinated children were infected, but I learned otherwise and in detail when my daughter became ill as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, ending up in the ER after turning blue, becoming unconscious, and unable to breathe. ~~The conundrum was~~

~~terrible~~  
I have since participated in Boulder County health department efforts to wrangle with the issue of my community's vaccine hesitancy problem. At the most elementary level of record keeping and communications, school nurse and county health workers' efforts on the front line of vaccine hesitancy are thwarted. They need more support from CDPHE in record keeping and education. They request that education needs to improve regarding the horrible diseases that vaccination prevents. ~~Please focus at the state level on the diseases, not the tool to control them.~~

HB19-1312 addresses education and the dearth of standardization with claims, forms, record keeping, tracking, rules, and compliance. At this point my school district and the Saint Vrain School District north of me are overwhelmed. They need support from the state. This bill sets us closer to addressing a dangerous situation in Colorado schools, better enabling the tools of reason, evidence and compassion for the sake of school safety.

Convincing people set against vaccination is not the issue at hand, Boulder County is in a different paradigm. There is a school in my district, a quite charming place actually, with a 50% vaccination rate, MAYBE. No one is quite sure. Do we need to behave differently in these settings? Do we need to change the public health standards among vaccinating people? Herd immunity ideals are based upon a higher level of participation than my community has.

We are not going to convince people who are set against reason. However, we can better track the risks, impacting how we manage the response threat in our schools.

# HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

DATE: 4/15/19  
BILL #: HB-19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Kyle Mollira, Priola

NAME: Marissa Blaszczak  
PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

The first section of this Bill deals w/ creating a standardized exemption form. This might seem innocuous, but if you read the current state exemption form it literally says you are knowingly harming your child by not vaccinating. It does not consider the fact that many children cannot receive vaccines due to various health conditions, which the CDC lists on their website as contra-indicated. This Bill would change this medical exemption to only the ICP standards which recognizes only 2 contra-indications. ~~This would~~ For people like my sister, who suffers an autoimmune disease, her children would no longer qualify for medical exemptions, even though as it currently stands any autoimmune disease makes vaccines contra-indicated.

The next section deals with 'educational material'. My question is will this material present vaccine risks as well? In an unbiased way?

This Bill also wants all vaccines & exemptions to be in a tracking system. This seems like something along the lines of making it easier for the federal govt. to interfere & intervene in our children's lives.

For those who wholeheartedly support this Bill, keep in mind that it would add more required immunizations to the current school schedule, including the flu, & HPV. Many people skip these 2 shots. So in fact this Bill has the potential to increase exemption rates, not decrease and finally, herd immunity. Are you protecting my child from ruin by having yours been a reindeer? Hospitals post signs on immune compromised people down saying anyone who has been recently vaccinated w/ a live virus are not allowed. Not the unvaccinated healthy kids. If vaccines are so safe & effective, why are vaccinated people so terrified of unvaccinated people? If vaccines work, what is the problem? We're headed down a dangerous & disease path. Please vote NO.

PRINT NAME: Marissa Blaszczak

SIGNATURE: Marissa Blaszczak

HOUSE WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHEET

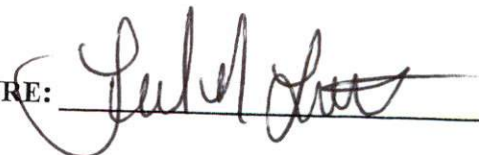
DATE: 4/15/19  
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PRIME SPONSORS:

NAME: Tealah Lovett  
PHONE #: 276-224-8211  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

My name is Tealah Lovett and I am opposing this bill in its entirety for many reasons. For starters page ~~11~~<sup>9 7-27</sup> ~~15~~. The ~~ACT~~ ~~should not~~ state board health should not be adding recommendations to the current CDC schedule. Example in NY they did that and state board health said lem old should receive MMR shot when the CDC recommends not to administer until 12m. That is dangerous! Another would be many ~~vaccines~~<sup>vaccines</sup> are optional now (flu, hpv, anthrax) but according to the way the bill is written it can easily be a requirement by health board recommending it. This will cause more exemptions to be filed and more distrust. This is the exact opposite of the goal. The exemption form we have to fill out would require us to state/sign we may be endangering our child by not vaccinating when we as a parent are protecting them from a reaction not covered under the medical portion exemption of this bill. If my child has a reaction to eggs (ingredient in vaccines) according to this bill I would still have to vaccinate my child or sign a form I'm endangering him, which I'm not, I'm actually doing the opposite. Vaccines do not protect everyone as they harm people. They are not proven safe and effective! ○ Measles deaths in the past 10 years yet over 400 deaths due to MMR vaccine itself. The tracking system is not needed and could be hacked to harm our children. Please Research more and vote No!

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DATE: 4-15-2019  
BILL #: HB 19-1312 (bill sponsored by Kyle Mullica)  
PRIME SPONSORS: Myself and my family

NAME: Debbie Lew  
PHONE #: 949-933-5502  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

The thought behind tightening exemptions for vaccination is related to the need to increase vaccination rates to maintain herd immunity (HI).

Please consider the lack of logic:

- ① Herd immunity is not a scientifically validated concept or an immunologic idea, but an epidemiologic construct
- ② Origins of HI - an observation by A.W. Hedrich in 1933 that measles outbreaks in Boston b/w 1900-1930 were suppressed when 68% of the children contracted the virus
- ③ HI does not apply to vaccine-induced antibody protection
- ④ Consider the mass vaccination in 1970 in Casper, Wyoming for Rubella - a failure in herd immunity
- ⑤ Measles outbreaks - see Poland & Jacobson (1994) reports in which vaccinated children constituted 30-100% of measles cases.
- ⑥ Vaccines offer SHORT-TERM protection, not true immunity that can be gained by having the true disease

EX: # of years protection from Mumps = 10 years / measles = 20 years  
 # of years protection from pertussis (whooping cough) = 4-6 years  
 diphtheria = 10 years / polio = 18 years / Rubella = 15 years  
 Pneumococcal = 4-5 years / Varicella = 14 years

⑦ What about all the adults & teens who have lost their "protection" from their childhood vaccines? The population from age 20-100 could not contribute to HI



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7 cont'd unless they are constantly receiving vaccines. If someone lives to 80 years old, how many pertussis (whooping cough) vaccines and boosters would that person need over their lifetime (if protection is 4-6 years)?  
80 year old → needs approx. 16 doses for lifetime protection for just pertussis

⑧ HI doesn't exist given the short lived protection of vaccines if there is a lack of community with true immunity from contracting the disease.

⑨ Viruses + bacteria mutate - for example, there are strains of measles + pertussis + flu that are not the strains in the vaccines → these newer strains are found to be infecting people.

⑩ Why do I care?

- I have 2 children - one was fully vaccinated until 1 years old - he has ADHD, many anaphylactic food allergies, asthma, behavior problems, GI problems and more.
- My other child has no health issues - and this child was unvaccinated.

Please read study, "Pilot comparative study on the health of vaccinated + unvaccinated 6-12 year old U.S. children." by Anthony Mawson, Brian Ray, Azad Bhuiyan + Binu Jacob

Thank you, Madame Chair and members of the Health and Insurance Committee for hearing my testimony. My name is Emily Keffler and I represent myself and my immediate family. I am here today because I oppose this bill.

I am extremely concerned about the requirements on page 6, lines 22-24 continuing onto page 7, lines 1-11 that will require exemptions to be filed at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment offices in person. This stipulation circumvents the protections conferred by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act over our children's medical information, a violation of their rights to privacy. Continuing onto page 9, lines 26-27 of the bill, we see the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is given the ability to compile a list of the names of noncompliers in order to "enforce regulations". Given that our children's information is no longer protected I am troubled by how their names and information will be used or published on this list without our knowledge or wishes, and the ethics of compiling and disseminating a list of any group of people categorized according to their religious or personal beliefs.

Referring back to portion of the bill on page 7, lines 5-6 that speaks to the filing of exemptions in person, there is the added provision that our personal or religious belief exemptions must be signed by a representative of the department in order to be certified. If the Colorado Department of Public Health and Education is given the final authority to certify our exemptions by this bill, does this also give them the authority as to the conditions of that certification? Will parents be forced to submit to an examination of their deeply held religious beliefs in order to gain that necessary signature? I find the open-ended nature of this requirement and the thought that a government official might find my, or anyone else's, deeply held personal faith to be insufficient to meet their criteria for validation deeply upsetting.

In conclusion, for these reasons as well as those expressed by others, I implore the members of this committee to oppose Hb 19-1312. We all have the same goal, healthy kids and a healthy community. Thank you.

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BILL #: HR 19-1312

PRIME SPONSORS: Mellica

NAME: Oleksiy Kolesnyk

PHONE #: 720-470-5279

FOR:        AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

I'm against this bill, and here is my story.

I'm came to United States of America 4/21/2004.

When I lived dack in Ukraine I was told that in America there is a liberty and every one has a right to choose.

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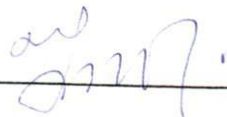
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NAME: Nadiya Kolesnyk  
PHONE #: 720-877-1061  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Hello! My name is Nadiya Kolesnyk. I oppose this bill because I believe everyone should have a right to choose if they want their children and for themselves to be vaccinated. May God bless this country!

PRINT NAME: Nadiya Kolesnyk

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DATE: 4/15/19  
BILL #: HB19-1312  
PRIME SPONSORS: Mullica

NAME: Viktoriya Kolesnyk  
PHONE #: 720-470-5231  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Im against this bill because it would  
take my parental rights for my childrens.  
We live in a free country we have freedom  
to choose, please don't take this apporpu-  
nity. May God bless you!

PRINT NAME: Viktoriya Kolesnyk SIGNATURE: Viktorya