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 HB23-1029 Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine To Minor Without Consent
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<p>Brooke martin Against Moms for Liberty- Larimer County</p>	<p>Members of the Board,</p> <p>I am writing to you because I am opposed to allowing minors to receive a Covid-19 vaccine or booster shot without the consent of a guardian. If minors were allowed to make this decision without parental consent would the state then pay for any adverse reaction the child may have in the near or prolonged future? I believe the financial responsibility of any healthcare for adverse reactions would then fall to the parent. In some cases, this would be a parent who did not consent to the initial decision for the vaccine or booster.</p> <p>As a parent, I feel it is extremely important that I am there to discuss the well being of my children. We have had numerous reports showing that children are not at greater risk from the virus and it's many variants. There is concern however, that there are unknown health risks for some individuals and the Covid-19 Vaccine/ booster. Allowing minors to make these decisions without the consent of a guardian is irresponsible. Minors do not have this ability due to the lack of a developed frontal cortex in the brain.</p> <p>It would be to the benefit of all Colorado residents that we do not pass policies that would take away parental rights. If you truly believe in the effects of this vaccine then leave it up to responsible adults to consent to vaccines for minors.</p>
<p>Ashley Weideman For herself</p>	<p>I am in support of HB23-1029.</p> <p>Maintaining our ability to be fully involved in our children's medical care is paramount so that we, as parents, can align to our family morals and make decisions based upon our children's unique needs. God gave the authority to my husband and I to parent our children, not the state. We take care to uphold the expectations of our Creator for parenting, not the state's continually changing and subjective guidelines, of which are beholden to numerous interest groups.</p> <p>We have seen how the state has handled Covid and how leaders have continued to display a biased opinion, slated to one side of a complex story, and it does not align to looking at the well-being of OUR children. You (the state) have shown that they will not be there is something goes wrong, especially in the case when the state ends up wrong. You (the state) will not be there to wipe away the tears of our child if the consequences of an ill-informed choice, that the state forced my child to make, goes wrong.</p> <p>The sanctity of parents to choose what is best for their children, must not to infringed. We cannot allow the poor choices of a few parents, to rip</p>

	<p>away parental authority from the majority of others. The poor choices of a few parents, affect a few. The poor choices of the state, affect all.</p> <p>God Bless</p>
<p>Tara Geffre For themselves</p>	<p>I am writing in support of HB23-1029. A minor should not be able to give informed consent for a medical intervention period. The fact that this even needs to be passed as a bill shows how far we have declined as a society. The government should not be making decisions for our children and/or coerce them to make decisions without parental consent.</p> <p>Schools should not be able to require students to have the COVID vaccine to attend school or any sport/club program. We have been sold a lie that the vaccine is safe and effective. To which it is neither. In light of the current data and risks of myocarditis, blood clots and strokes we should not even be administering it to children much less mandating it. There are no long-term studies of this experimental vaccine. There can't be as it has not been around long enough. Many parents feel strongly enough that we would pull our children from the public school system should this be required. There have been enough students exiting the public schools without adding this. Let's talk about the elephant in the room. Although the recent sudden deaths of athletes have not been officially linked to the COVID vaccine, the staggering number of deaths at the very least, warrant more investigation about why this is happening. Why do we now have the diagnosis Sudden Adult Death Syndrome for that matter? As a nurse and more importantly as a parent I ask that you stand on the right side of history and pass this bill to stop the mandating of this very new experimental not effective and definitely not safe for everyone vaccine.</p>
<p>Molly Lamar For themselves</p>	<p>I, Molly Lamar, am asking you to please vote in favor of HB 23-1089, requiring parental consent in order for minors to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Parents and guardians need to be present for other decisions affecting the lives and future of their children. Their engagement and consent in the healthcare of their children is a must. It is possible for vaccines to cause adverse reactions, therefore caregivers must be well aware of the care/vaccines their children are receiving.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Heather Muller For themselves</p>	<p>Hi there!</p> <p>I am Heather Muller from Boulder, CO 80302.</p> <p>I am ALL FOR this bill.</p> <p>No child should be required to take any kind of medical intervention in order to attend school or do anything else for that matter. No child should be able to receive any medical intervention without parental consent. No child should be discriminated against because of their</p>

	<p>parents refusal to allow them to receive a medical intervention of any kind.</p> <p>I know there are children out there who are in questionable situations regarding parents but those are few and far between. But there is no reason to require any medical intervention for all just to catch a few.</p> <p>Please vote in FAVOR of this bill.</p> <p>Heather</p>
<p>Trina Konrath For themselves</p>	<p>I am for HB23-1029. I think it is only right for a parent to consent to a vaccine for their children. Two of my children were vaccine injured as babies. We have spent thousands of dollars on medication and medical expenses. In the end the parent will have to give emotional, physical and fiscal support for their children . It only makes sense for them to have the responsibility also for giving consent. My uncle died this past year - the Covid vaccine is what they think might have caused his heart attack. This vaccine is causing a lot of problems.</p> <p>All of my children have all had the actual Covid virus and had no problems. The vaccine doesn't make sense. Please do the right thing and leave these decisions up to the parents. Please support HB23-1029.</p>
<p>Joan Poston For themselves</p>	<p>Committee members,</p> <p>Please pass this bill HB23-1029 to protect children from getting the CoVid 19 vaccine without parental consent. When my daughter received her HPV vaccination, she had a Violent reaction a few hours after injection. She had projectile vomiting and if I had not known what was going on I would not have known to take her to urgent care. Parent must be involved in the health care of their children. To remove the consent and knowledge of vaccination creates a trust gap. Parents are made to feel that the government does not trust them to know what is best. And that lack of trust leads to a lack of trust from the citizenry of their government. Please realize that Trust once broken is hard to repair. Vote for this bill HB23-1029 and restore trust in public health and public education. Thank you.</p>
<p>Sarah Ambariantz For themselves</p>	<p>I am writing in support of HB23-1029, prohibiting the COVID-19 vaccine to a minor without consent. Parents are THE primary healthcare decision makers for their children. Only parents know the unique needs of their own children including allergies, and other pre-existing conditions. If a child or teenager were to receive a vaccine and have a harmful or even deadly side effect, and the parent had NO idea the child even received the vaccine, they wouldn't be able to identify the source of the problem. This could delay treatment of a harmful side effect and possibly result in death. Attempting to allow children and teens to put a vaccine into their bodies without their parents having knowledge of it and giving consent is dangerous and is a huge overstep of the government. Currently, there is very very little trust in government run agencies. Please help restore trust in our leaders by allowing parents to</p>

	<p>be decision makers in the lives of their children, especially where it matters most, healthcare decisions!</p>
<p>Sonia Cruz For themselves</p>	<p>Please support the HB23-1029 as presented. Please support the bill allowing an aggrieved person to file a civil action and waive sovereign immunity if the violator is a public entity.</p> <p>Children do not have the maturity to make vaccination decisions apart from parental or guardian input, education and guidance.</p> <p>As a mother of five, I have extensive experience with the vaccination schedule, its pros and cons, its contraindications and the potential for life-long side effects. I have spent many years trying to understand why my vaccinated child from the 2000s was temporarily paralyzed twice in childhood after being vaccinated. The doctors did not inform me that toxic synovitis was a potential side effect of the vaccine that caused mobile disability for 2 weeks both times. Nor did this vaccine reaction get reported. I did not learn about VAERS until a decade later.</p> <p>Minors are not educated about vaccinations or how to access information about vaccines and they certainly do not know or have the ability to comprehend their full family medical history. In fact, their brains will not be fully developed until their late 20s. Children should be discussing vaccination with their families to better understand the risks of any side effects and their rights if injured long before making these decisions as minors. Children must be protected by their parents and guardians and become adequately informed to make wise medical decisions at the adult level.</p> <p>So many factors need to be considered before making a vaccination decision, and minors should be protected from governmental mandates impacting their health. Family history is a key deciding factor. How many minors actually know or could comprehend their family history or their own medical history well enough to make an informed decision about vaccination, such as reactions as infants/toddlers or hereditary conditions that create contraindications? Parents must continue to be entrusted with medical decisions until we pass the baton of decision-making in adulthood. My eldest children vaccinated in the 80s and 90s still discuss medical decisions with me.</p>
<p>Gina Forcatto For themselves</p>	<p>As a parent of two grown children, and one 14 year old, I have experienced first hand what negative consequences can occur when a parent is not informed about decisions her child has made without consulting with me first. As a 56 year old mom, I have the wisdom to see possible repercussions for allowing a minor to make decisions without my knowledge. My greatest concern as a parent is for the safety and well being of my child, it is unethical to take that away. I look at the pros and cons of issues concerning his health and know his medical history. I can make a decision based on this, something that he is not mature enough to make. Minors need to be protected from adults preying on them for their own gain. Minors do not have the ability to make a wise</p>

	<p>decision based on potential long term consequences. This is why parents need to be informed and consent to any decision that involves potential risk physically, mentally, or emotionally.</p> <p>I ask you to support this bill. Parents need to be informed before their child consents!</p>
<p>Mary Salfi For themselves</p>	<p>Dear members of the committee,</p> <p>Thank you so much for this opportunity. My name is Mary Salfi. I'm a Denver County resident. This is an extremely important bill and I urge a YES vote. I am a mother of three with my youngest being 11 years old. I cannot fathom a world in which she would be able to make an informed decision on something such as getting a COVID vaccine or any other vaccine for that matter. She is having a hard time figuring out an outfit for the daddy daughter dance she's attending this weekend. Parental involvement in a child's life is critical. COVID vaccines are not without reactions, they have not been proven to be safe and effective, allowing a child to get administered a shot without their parents being aware is detrimental. Please make sure parents stay involved in their children's lives in every aspect. Do not weaken that bond by allowing children to make decisions they truly aren't capable of making.</p> <p>Thank you, Mary Salfi</p>
<p>Kelly Hegarty For themselves</p>	<p>Regarding HB23-1029, Prohibit COVID19 Vaccine to a minor without consent. This bill is vitally important to the health of the child and the rights of the parents. I am in strong SUPPORT.</p> <p>Most vaccines are not without some side effects and the COVID experimental treatment is no different. If a child did have a reaction and there was no awareness of any treatments being administered, the child could suffer and it would not be immediately obvious as to the cause. Parents would not know immediately how to respond.</p> <p>As well, the efficacy of this vaccine, especially for youth, is currently challenged in medical peer reviewed journals.</p> <p>Further, administering any vaccine or health treatment without parent or guardian consent would seem to bring a GREAT liability to the entity that administered that treatment or vaccine (schools, etc.). Especially in case of an adverse reaction.</p> <p>Parents and guardians have the right to know how their minor children are being treated and should be included in all health decisions. This assures their health, safety, and welfare. Thank You - Kelly Hegarty, La Plata County, Durango, CO.</p>
<p>Alexis Acuna</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p>

For themselves	I am writing this testimony along with many other parents, in hope for this bill to protect my child along with so many other children here in Colorado. I believe we as parents should be the ones to make the decision for our children with doctor visit's consenting to any treatment. I have worked in the health field for 16 years and know very well informing patients on consent to treatment, even as adults they do not understand unless very thoroughly explaining the treatment to them and giving them options because that is part of consent. So I believe as kids they don't know exactly what they would be putting into their bodies without full consent and questions which most do not know what to ask that is why as parents who are their guardians and guidance should be the ones along side consenting for them. With this bill I hope and pray it helps parents to have more control of their kids when consenting to this treatment.
Jason Mietchen For themselves	Dear Senators and Representatives of Colorado, I am writing in support of HB23-1029. I believe this Bill to be one of the few pieces of legislation to come out of our state government that is not partisan. That is a rare and uplifting occurrence. HB23-1029 speaks directly to the sacred relationship between a parent and their children. Arguably the most important and strongest bond in our human existence. Many of you are parents and we are all children. We understand the importance of parents in the growth, development and protection of children. This Bill ensures parents retain their role as the ultimate decision maker in the type of drugs/medications given their children and what is in the best interest of their children. The Bill also protects children from discrimination resulting from medical decisions that are between them and their parent. The State nor anybody else has any business forcing themselves between a parent and their child in this decision. I encourage you to support HB23-1029 and move it forward today without delay. I hope that for today the committee sees themselves not as politicians, but sees themselves as parents and children and vote to honor that most sacred relationship. Please support HB23-1029, support the parents of Colorado, support the kids of Colorado, say no to medical discrimination. Thank you.
Amanda Hepner For themselves	Dear Bill Sponsors, and Health & Insurance Committee: As a vaccine injured woman, a mother to one medically injured child and my second child deceased immediately following an injection, and a certified nurse aide advocating for home health patients I FULLY SUPPORT HB23-1029 to Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccines To Minors Without Consent. It is truly a common sense bill! According to the historical evidence-based / real life experience data of the general public's accounts with these pharmaceutical products, informed consent has been belittled and skipped in most cases. Cons of these interventions have been historically withheld from recipients therefore violating human rights. Every line of this bill, beginning at page 2 line 1 and finishing at page 7 line 7, is a very well drafted step to halting such deceit! Truth be told, the counts of individuals killed by these liability-

	<p>free products is currently astronomically at a reported amount of 34,100+ and said to be severely underreported. So who knows how many people we've actually lost. SAFEGUARDS, such as real informed consent, NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED!</p> <p>THANK YOU Representative Bradley and Representative Baisley for this MUCH NEEDED PROTECTION!</p> <p>Which side of history will you be on in your vote for or against informed consent and health rights of minors and parents who know their children best? I IMPLORE YOU to VOTE YES on this bill and urgently support the implementation of it's criteria into law to protect young and future generations TODAY!</p>
<p>Nicole Heckmann For themselves</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a mother of two children who chose not to have their children vaccinated with a fast-tracked product that skipped key tests as well as the normal trial period for proof of efficacy and safety.</p> <p>I shudder to think of a day that the state would be given more rights over my children's health decision than I do.</p> <p>I fully support HB 1029 for this reason.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. Nicole</p>
<p>Taylor Dolan For themselves</p>	<p>Dear House Health & Insurance Committee,</p> <p>thank you for your service.</p> <p>I am a mother to 3 healthy children with another on the way. I am also a professional in the health field with an MS in Nutrition & Applied Physiology with my own practice. Health is my business and my passion.</p> <p>As a parent, it is crucial my voice be heard within your committee. It is not the role of government to choose what is or what is not injected into my child. This is a private and personal decision of the independent family.</p> <p>Mandating a medical interjection violates individual rights, informed consent and parental sovereignty.</p> <p>Please help uphold my rights as a parent and my confidence in our government and public health system by voting yes on HB 23-1029, entitled Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine to Minor Without Consent.</p>

<p>Rebekah Quinlan Questions Only themselves</p>	<p>Madame Chair and Members of the committee thank you for hearing my testimony today. You have heard a good deal of scientific data and I assume that you now understand that there is no net benefit for individuals 18 and under who receive the COVID-19 injection. There is in fact a far greater risk to the health of a minor when considering adverse reactions to all brands of the COVID injection than the risk of contracting COVID-19 itself. I am here to represent the home-based education group mentioned within this bill.</p> <p>...and this is where I got stuck...I personally know several people that are experiencing heart and clotting issues post vaccination. I feel almost foolish for sitting here asking permission from a committee for the opportunity to not have my children discriminated against for choosing not to take an experimental drug that is turning out to cause severe adverse reactions in many. Also, asking for permission to know what my child is putting into their body, let alone an experimental drug, seems pretty common sense.</p> <p>So, I'll end my testimony stating some of the obvious strengths of this bill. This would protect entities, schools, children and parents from many possible liability conundrums including the possibility of a parent being unaware of the cause of an adverse reaction to an experimental drug, or the possibility of a child double dosing on an experimental drug which could have very real and increased danger. Additionally, discrimination against any group of people because of the choice to not take an experimental drug is patently wrong.</p> <p>Please support this bill and hear the testimony of stakeholders that represent a large faction of society.</p> <p>Thank you for your time today.</p>
<p>Kimberly Koller For themselves</p>	<p>Kimberly Koller For the Colorado State Senate Financial Committee 2/7/2023</p> <p>Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Finance Committee. I am Kimberly Koller, a mother and resident of the beautiful state of Colorado. I am in favor of HB23-1029.</p> <p>I am the guardian of my children. I love them very much. I would like to solely decide what vaccines are administered to them.</p> <p>Please vote yes to this very important bill that keeps parents rights to protect their children intact.</p> <p>Thank you and be blessed,</p> <p>Kimberly Koller</p>
<p>Hannah Sloven For themselves</p>	<p>My name is Hannah Sloven and I have 3 children 11 and under. Please vote yes on this bill! There is a reason kids live with their parents, can't get tattoos in the state of CO, vote, and can't make many other important</p>

	<p>life decisions until they are 18+. Anytime you put something in your body there is a risk. Whether it be small or large risk, the consequence of that risk will always fall on the parent. Kids have a hard time deciding what to wear in the morning and many decisions are often made out of peer pressure or the want/need to fit in. A medical procedure based on peer pressure or fitting in is not an informed or sound decision. Medical decisions need to be made by the parent. COVID Vaccines and all vaccines need to have parental consent! Please vote YES on this bill.</p>
<p>Angelo Torrez Against themselves</p>	<p>I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed bill HB 23-10 29 that would allow medical procedures to be performed on minors without the consent of their parents or guardians.</p> <p>As a parent myself, I believe that it is essential for parents to be involved in the medical decisions affecting the children. Allowing medical procedures to be performed without parental consent, undermines the trust in relationship between parents and healthcare providers, and takes away a critical aspect of a parent role in their child's life.</p> <p>Furthermore, minors may not fully understand the consequences of a medical procedure, and it is important for parents to provide guidance and support in making informed decisions. Without parental consent, minors may be subject to medical procedures that may cause harm due to allergic reactions were not communicated.</p> <p>Not to mention that this introduced a slippery slope of medical practices that opens the door to other medical procedures that are deemed "necessary" because the Government says so.</p> <p>There's too much at risk to remove the people who's sole job it is to protect their children from the equation.</p>
<p>Heather Van Benthem For themselves</p>	<p>I am enthusiastically in support of HB23-1029. Too much of our society is running in the opposite direction and is intent on getting between parents and their children. This includes much of what our own Colorado legislature has already done and is attempting to expand. So, I am delighted to see a bill introduced that re-establishes the familial bond. Children are absolutely not mature enough to make their own medical decisions, and the Covid-19 "vaccines" are demonstrably dangerous and require much more serious consideration than they have been given. Thank you for looking out for the actual health and wellbeing of our children.</p>
<p>Jennifer Bertram For Moms for Liberty</p>	<p>To House Health and Insurance Committee,</p> <p>My name is Jennifer and I am representing Moms for Liberty. As a parent and a citizen of Colorado HB23-1029 is a bill I would like to see all of our representatives stand behind. Together we need to protect our basic human right to the medical choices we make for ourselves and our children.</p> <p>There have been many peer reviewed studies on the effectivity of the Covid 19 MRNA vaccine and studies show there has been very little effectiveness on the spread and severity of illness of Covid 19. We are now seeing the harmful side effects including death that people are experiencing from this rushed through MRNA technology.</p>

	<p>As a concerned Colorado citizen and parent, I ask for support on voting yes on this bill to protect our medical rights and our parental rights to making our own medical descions for ourselves and our children. This bill does not take away any citizens right to choose types of medical technology, pharmaceutical choices, medical professional choices or what types of vaccines you do or do not want. This bill preserves the fundamental basic human right to what types of medical care we want for ourselves and our children. This bill is a YES for all of us.</p> <p>Jennifer Bertram Jennifer.Bertram@aol.com</p>
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