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in opposition to House Bill 7107

"Vaccines are safe and effective". This is a mantra that people are bombarded with in society. We are told to get them at the doctor's, at school, on the tv news, at drug stores and supermarkets. Messages about vaccines are even on tv sitcoms, in children's books and cartoons. So, when one individual makes a choice not to get injected, it would make sense that it is for very good reasons.

Many people believe in God and that God created man in His own image. The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and is not to be tampered with. To add to that, if one does in fact become sick, God gave us an immune system for a reason, to fight illness. And there are certain illnesses, that once we have naturally acquired them and have recovered from them, we have gained immunity. One does consider their current state of health and weigh how likely they are to get sick. People who abstain from vaccines have read the ingredient list and find it alarming that this is not a saline solution and that there are a variety of toxic substances along with the virus itself.

If vaccines were so safe and so effective, then why is it necessary to create laws that mandate or coerce people into getting them? If aluminum (the main adjuvant in vaccines) has been linked to alzheimer's disease, this product is a danger, especially to the elderly.

As of June 30 2018, there have been more than 153,634 reports of vaccine reactions, hospitalizations, injuries and death following the flu vaccine made to the federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), including 1,476 related deaths, 11,739 hospitalizations, and 3,084 related disabilities.

As anyone who studies public health can tell you, clean water, sanitation, plumbing, refrigeration, and proper food handling are far more important to reducing the spread of infectious disease, and it was the gains in these standards of living in the U.S. that lead to the dramatic drop in death from infectious disease. In the study "Annual Summary of Vital Statistics: Trends in the Health of Americans During the 20th Century", scientists explain that in the first half of the century...nearly 90% of the decline infectious disease mortality among U.S. children occurred before 1940 when few antibiotics or vaccines were available.

If vaccines are so safe, then why do we have the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act? This bill was introduced by Congressman Waxman and President Ronald Reagan made the bill law on November 15 1986. It states: No vaccine manufacturers shall be liable in a civil action for damages arising from a vaccine related injury or death associated with the administration of a vaccine after October 1, 1988 if the injury or death resulted from side effects that were unavoidable even though the vaccine was properly prepared and was accompanied by proper directions and warnings.

This is the same industry that brought you Vioxx, thalidomide, Fen-Phen, Prozac and the opioid epidemic had just had product liability removed and handed over to a newly established vaccine court that would be funded with a surtax on every vaccine purchased (Americans fund the vaccine injury compensation program when they pay for a vaccine for themselves or their child) and ultimately managed and backstopped by the federal government.

And if these vaccines were so safe, then why are they completely protected from litigation? If there is no recourse, then there is no cause to make a safe product.

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