

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose SB94: AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

Children are not equipped to provide informed consent to receive a vaccine, flu or otherwise. Would the child require adult supervision and a prescription from their healthcare provider in order to obtain the vaccine there? As an adult I can walk into a CVS and get a flu shot with no prescription. Would this be the case with minors as well? Likely not. Pharmacists would not have a child's medical history available and would be unaware of medical contraindications. I believe these issues are best kept between parents, children and their medical providers that they have an established relationship with.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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