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Dear Distinguished Chairs and Public Health Committee Members,

Please OPPOSE SB-94, an act allowing pharmacists to administer the influenza vaccine to children twelve years of age and older, in its current form and when and if the language changes.

From one parent to another, my child has tested positive for 34 food allergies with her most severe allergy being eggs. The recommendations from the CDC for those who have a history of severe allergic reaction to egg (i.e., any symptom other than hives) should be vaccinated in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting (including but not necessarily limited to hospitals, clinics, health departments, and physician offices), under the supervision of a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic conditions.

SB 94 allows my child to walk into a CVS and get a flu shot that could potentially send her into anaphylactic shock or worse without anyone available to manage a severe allergic reaction. Kids don't know their medical history so they cannot know their predisposition to a possible reaction. Under no condition do I feel this bill adds to my child's safety but instead I feel this bill allows my child to be in a dangerous situation that I would have no control over. If this bill does pass and she does get an influenza vaccine without my knowledge and has an adverse reaction I would have no idea how to react, unaware of her recent medical decision.

Any act proposing to take away parental consent for vaccinations should be shut down. It is required under federal law to provide parents with the Vaccine Information Sheet prior to any vaccine. The proposed SB 94 act is a direct violation to this law. We as parents, who know and love our children better than anyone else, we, by U.S. law are the guardians of our children until they are old enough to make life and death decisions for themselves. Vaccination is a medical intervention that carries a risk of injury or death. The right to informed consent to any medical intervention that can kill or injure your child is a human right regardless to any beliefs.

I urge you, to uphold the current laws and continue to protect our children and to support all parents with the right to consent each and every vaccination by OPPOSING SB 94.

Thank you,  
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