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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Matthew Blake Hagedorn
dob: 11/13/04

Based upon this patient's medical history of severe infant eczema, severe food allergies including anaphylaxis, viral induced asthma and his causative hyperactive immune system, it is my professional medical opinion as a Board Certified Family Practitioner for over 44 years, that had this child been given the full array of mandatory vaccines from infancy (before the diagnosis of these conditions would have been possible) in order to be admitted into a day care facility, he most likely could have had severe adverse reactions which could likely have included severe anaphylaxis and/or death.

Blake's hyperactive immune system became undeniably apparent after a titers test was taken at 4 years of age to measure the immunity he had retained 3 years following receiving only 2 DT (Diphtheria/Tetanus) vaccinations. DT, because of the Tetanus portion of the vaccine, was the only vaccination that the parent requested based on the toddler's risk of contracting tetanus in a rural setting. The results of this titers test came back showing this pediatric patient as having a level of tetanus antigens in his blood stream three times higher than what is considered to be fully immune to the disease.

Taken in conjunction with this patient's other medical history, this level of immunity still being present three years after receiving only 2 of the 5 tetanus vaccinations which are mandatory by the age of 6 leads me to the conclusion that if, additionally, the dozens of other multiple dose vaccinations, which are required by DPHHS to be given to an infant for admission into a day care facility, had been given to Blake before his medical conditions could have become apparent, these vaccinations could very well have been deadly to this child.

Sincerely,

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My name is Dawn Hagedorn, my son Blake is there in the audience. We are from Twin Bridges, MT and want to thank all of you today for considering HB 227 and especially want to thank Rep Wagner for sponsoring this bill.

Even before our son was born God put in our hearts a conviction against vaccinations. My husband and I spent many hours of discussion, research and prayer between that time and when our son was born. We were questioned by our family and care givers regarding our decision not to vaccinate.

When we tried to enroll our son in day care at the age of about 14 months we were shocked when we discovered that our son would be denied access to a licensed (and most likely tax payer subsidized) day care facility because of our religious convictions against vaccinations.

We were told that the only way our son could attend without the required vaccinations was if we had a medical exemption. We contacted DPHHS regarding this and were told that there was not a specific MT law or rule that prohibited religious exemptions in day care. However because the laws and rules don't specifically say that religious exemptions ARE allowed it is their PRACTICE not to allow them.

In other words it is their 'practice' to discriminate in day care admissions of children whose parents' religious beliefs preclude them from being vaccinated and this practice is not based upon any existing law only the absence of law disallowing it.

I was also lectured on the DANGERS I was supposedly subjecting my child and other children to by not vaccinating. Needless to say our faith in what God had conveyed to our hearts was being significantly tested. We did more research and prayerfully came to the same conclusion, we would not subject our son to the full array of mandatory vaccinations.

We did however give in and choose to vaccinate against Tetanus because this vaccine is not created using aborted fetal cells, is considered one of the safest when given without the Pertussis, and there is a lack of effective treatment once Tetanus is contracted. Even giving this single shot made us feel extremely uneasy. So after giving only two of the 4 doses which are mandatory by age of 19 months we chose not to give any additional doses without first running a $120 titers test to see if possibly our son was already immune. Our decision not to vaccinate has never been made lightly.

Our happy and healthy son is now 6 years old and is the joy of our lives, a true blessing from God. As you can read in the attached letter from his current doctor this very well might not have been the case had we gone against our religious convictions and vaccinated our son as an infant and toddler as required for day care admissions before his immune system condition would have been apparent. Instead we could have had to bury our son as an infant or toddler. It is difficult for me to even write this possibility on paper.

I thank God every day that He graciously convicted our hearts not to vaccinate and then helped us stand strong through the discrimination and persecution inflicted upon us by DPHHS, some pediatricians and even uneducated family and friends that had only heard the vaccine propaganda of the dangers of NOT vaccinating. These well-meaning friends and family didn't realize and were never told that the most danger posed for many children is not from contracting measles or Chickenpox, it is actually from purposefully injecting vaccines into a precious little baby.