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Greetings Fellow Montanans & Legislators:

My name is Susan Anderson, Member of 3R's Early Education Center, LLC. 3R's has been providing early childhood education services for the Helena community for twenty-eight years. I very much wanted to be in your physical presence today, but due to scheduling conflicts I am unable.

I am writing in response to House Bill 227.

My question to you as a body of Government is: Who will be liable for the infant not if, but when, they contract a disease from a child who is not immunized because of an "easily obtained" religious exemption?

Infants in care are already at high-risk. Regulating exposure to illnesses and other diseases is a challenge. Can you imagine an infant being exposed to a child who is not immunized--this exposure could be deadly. I'm confident none of us want something preventable to become a tragedy.

Why allow more danger to the already high-risk infant? If you could prevent a tragedy from happening to your infant, your niece or nephew, or your grandchild, wouldn't you do everything in your power to prevent harm? Passing HB227, increases the already at risk infant to harm, not to mention other children. I would hope all of you will deeply reflect on your own children when considering HB227.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Susan Anderson, Member  
3R's Early Education Center, LLC

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